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## "Fabulous Magazine"

This is how intriguing your spring edition was: I walked into the house from the mailbox with it, plopped down on the couch, and read it immediately.

Your cover story on **Hettie Cohen Jones '55** was well-researched and compellingly written. I dropped everything to read it.

Congratulations on a magazine that was good from cover to cover.

**Mary Bishop '67**  
Roanoke, Va.



## Pure Pleasure

Surely **Ruby Lee Norris '36** is smiling down on you for publishing the lovely piece about her in the Spring 2012 edition of *University of Mary Washington Magazine* [*Remembering Ruby Lee Norris*].

Ruby Lee and I became email friends because of our many connections in Middlesex County, Va. My family had a summer home there on the Rappahannock River, and my first teaching job was in the nearby, ancient town of Urbanna. Ruby Lee lived not far away.

Please convey to the magazine staff my great pleasure in reading the feature article [*Beat Chick*], also in the spring issue. It was as good as any profile I have read in *The New Yorker*.

Congratulations!

**Lois Loehr Brown '41**  
Annandale, Va.

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## Get the Scoop on Socially Responsible Business



The famous, formerly tie-dyed duo Ben and Jerry will speak at the Fredericksburg Forum Nov. 10.

Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield sold their first scoop of ice cream from a renovated Vermont gas station in 1978. Today, Ben & Jerry's Homemade Inc. is a multimillion-dollar enterprise – and its co-founders look slightly different than they did in the picture that graced labels through the late 1990s. What's remained constant is Cohen and Greenfield's commitment to being socially responsible.

At the November Fredericksburg

Forum, the duo will present *An Evening of Entrepreneurial Spirit, Social Responsibility, and Radical Business Philosophy*. The bespectacled entrepreneurs will tell how two “real guys” who once sold homemade ice cream from Ben's VW Squareback built not only a sweet business but also a mechanism for social change.

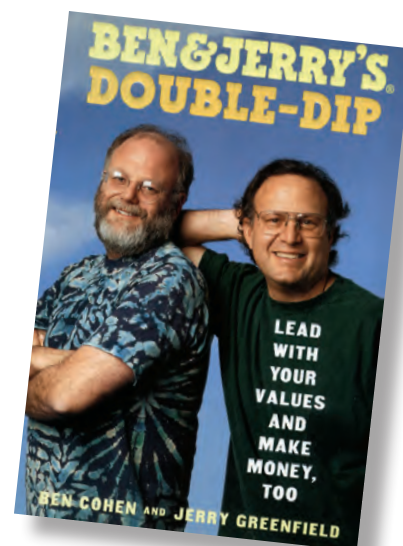
As Cohen and Greenfield kept up with

the times – packaging their product in pint-sized containers, developing an Internet presence, and marketing internationally – so did their flavors. Favorites like Fresh Georgia Peach and Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough gave way to pop-culture tastes like Cherry Garcia and the environment-friendly Rainforest Crunch.

The pair has stayed firm in support of nonprofits, education, the environment, and more, winning the 1988 Corporate Giving Award from the

Council on Economic Priorities. Their 1997 book, *Ben & Jerry's Double-Dip: How to Run a Values-Led Business and Make Money, Too*, became a best-seller.

Cohen and Greenfield will speak at the Fredericksburg Forum Saturday, Nov. 10, at 8 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium. [www.umw.edu/forum](http://www.umw.edu/forum).



Known for funky flavors and social responsibility, Ben & Jerry's still supports causes important to its founders.



Norm Shafer

## Serious About Sustainability

This spring, UMW recycled 38 pounds of materials for every person on campus in eight weeks, the equivalent of more than 200,000 pounds of materials kept out of landfills. That meant UMW finished first in Virginia and 18th overall in the annual RecycleMania competition, which included 338 colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada. RecycleMania promotes waste reduction in campus communities.





## Freedom Rides Tribute Wins International Award

The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) awarded its prestigious international Grand Gold Circle of Excellence Award to UMW for its commemoration of James Farmer and the 1961 Freedom Rides.

UMW received the top award in the special events category and was one of only 19 institutions to win the Grand Gold designation for exceptional work.

"Nothing has made me prouder," President Richard V. Hurley said. "In the marking of an event that changed the course of history, I'm thrilled that the rest of the world now recognizes what I long have believed: The University of Mary Washington mounted the greatest tribute possible to James Farmer and the Freedom Rides."

In February 2011, UMW launched one of the most comprehensive institution-wide projects in its history to honor the legacy of the late James

Farmer. The UMW professor emeritus of history was the architect of the 1961 Freedom Ride campaign that led to the desegregation of public interstate transportation in the South.

The UMW commemoration centered on a 1960s-era bus embellished with historical press photos from the Freedom Rides and featured guest lecturers, student exhibits, and a limited-release showing of the PBS *American Experience* documentary *Freedom Riders*. The tribute culminated with commencement addresses by two original Riders, Rep. Bob Filner of California and Rep. John Lewis of Georgia. Both applauded the University's efforts.

"No other university – no other college – in America is pausing like you have to celebrate and commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Freedom Rides," Lewis said. "Thank you."

In addition, UMW hosted the first

stop of the PBS *American Experience* bus that traced the route of the first Ride. On board the moving classroom were 40 college students – including **Charles Reed '11** – and original Riders, experts, and journalists. A UMW Freedom Rides website chronicled the celebration, and *UMW Magazine* published a special edition devoted to it. The events attracted national media attention and brought thousands of visitors to the Fredericksburg campus.

For its international Circle of Excellence competition, CASE received more than 2,800 entries in 40 categories from 567 member institutions, independent schools, and nonprofit organizations around the world. The program distinguishes outstanding work in advancement services, alumni relations, communications, fundraising, and marketing. Peer professionals and experts outside of education judged the competition.



The UMW exhibit, *James Farmer and the 1961 Freedom Rides*, on Ball Circle was staged on and around a 1960s-era bus.



## UMW Debates at Nationals

Four members of the University of Mary Washington Debate Team competed in the National Debate Tournament at Atlanta's Emory University in early spring. The event featured 78 teams this year, all chosen based on a competitive qualification process. Mary Washington finished 23rd overall.

The UMW debaters worked through parts of summer, winter, and spring breaks, researching topics, practicing speeches, and formulating arguments in anticipation of the qualifying and national tournaments. The extra effort paid off.

**Patrick McCleary '14** of Shrewsbury, Pa., and **Colin McElhinny '14** of Erie, Pa., qualified for the second consecutive year; they placed



Debate Team members traveled to Atlanta for the National Debate Tournament last spring. Representing UMW at Emory University were (left to right) Assistant Debate Coach Judd D. Kimball; competitors Colin McElhinny, Peter Susko, Patrick McCleary, Thomas Pacheco; guest coach Jim Lyle; and Debate Coach Adrienne F. Brovero.

second in the District 7 qualifying tournament hosted by Mary Washington in February.

**Peter Susko '12** of Erie and **Thomas Pacheco '14** of Baltimore finished eighth in the qualifying tournament, securing the district's final spot for the national competition. Susko had qualified for

the event in previous years. In 2010, he and former teammate **Kevin Kallmyer '10** claimed UMW's best-ever national tournament finish, placing third.

The UMW Debate Team, coached by Adrienne Brovero, has qualified 16 times to take part in the national competition.

## Two Grads Get Fulbright Grants

Two recent UMW graduates, **Eric Halsey '11** and **Peter Wingrove '11**, have been selected to receive U.S. Fulbright grants for 2012-2013.

The UMW Fulbright committee is "extremely proud of Eric and Peter's accomplishments," Nabil Al-Tikriti, associate professor of history and UMW Fulbright adviser, said of the two Herndon, Va., natives. "Mary Washington has now had eight winners in the past five years and looks forward to more in the future."

Halsey, who majored in history and political science, will study nationalism theory and Balkan history at Sofia University in Bulgaria. He will research Alexander Stamboliiski's governmental policies, which were a unique type of trans-ethnic and linguistic nationalism. He also will take

intensive Bulgarian language courses. While at Mary Washington, Halsey interned at Genocide Watch and was a visiting student at the American University of Bulgaria in 2009-2010. After his Fulbright year, he plans to pursue a doctorate in history.

Wingrove will study and conduct research at the Poznań University of Economics in Poznań, Poland. He will explore the relationship between the euro and the zloty, Poland's national currency, focusing on the global impact of the worldwide recession. Wingrove is a volunteer at Fredericksburg's Moss Free Clinic and a member of Phi Beta Kappa. While he studied economics at UMW, he was treasurer of Students Helping Honduras and co-president of the Economics Club.



Eric Halsey '11



Peter Wingrove '11





## Kenny Rogers Joins Philharmonic to Delight Celebrity Series Fans

UMW benefited from a rained-out Kenny Rogers concert. The country music great was scheduled to play an outdoor gig in Fredericksburg last September. At the last minute, it was called off due to rain. Organizers vowed to honor all tickets, and they took advantage of a great new Fredericksburg venue – the University's William M. Anderson Center.

The concert was rescheduled for seven months later.

On April 21, both the UMW Philharmonic and the Anderson Center showed off their attributes when Kenny Rogers joined the UMW William M.

Anderson Celebrity Series. The evening began with the 85-member ensemble playing a set of patriotic tunes, concluding with Lee Greenwood's *God Bless the USA*.

Then Rogers, who at 73 is as engaging as ever, entertained the crowd of nearly 2,000 with one-liners and familiar hits, including *The Gambler*, *Lucille*, *Islands in the Stream*, *Lady*, and *We've Got Tonight*, most of them to the philharmonic's rich accompaniment.

The 2013 Celebrity Concert will feature virtuoso flutist Sir James Galway. The native Irish musician will play March 16, the eve of St. Patrick's Day.



Tom Rothenberg

Country music icon Kenny Rogers sang fan favorites like *Lucille*, *Lady*, and *We've Got Tonight* to the rich accompaniment of the UMW Philharmonic.

## Interim Provost Comes Aboard

This spring Ian D.C. Newbould, who holds a doctorate in history from the University of Manchester, was named interim provost of the University of Mary Washington. Most recently, he served as president of Richmond, the American International University in London, U.K., from 2008 to 2011.

Newbould joined UMW April 16 and will serve through the 2012-2013 academic year as the chief academic officer overseeing faculty matters and academic programs, planning, and budgets. Working with deans and faculty, the provost leads major university initiatives in teaching, research, and creative activities and has responsibility for all university educational and academic policies.

Newbould's career in higher education spans more than 30 years and includes presidencies at three institutions.

President Richard V. Hurley described Newbould as "an accomplished educator and administrator whose breadth of experience and international expertise will help bolster our academic programs and commitment to excellence."



Ian D.C. Newbould



## Service Keeps UMW on U.S. President's Honor Roll

Thanks to the volunteer efforts of the more than 500 students in UMW's Community Outreach and Resources (COAR), the University made the (U.S.) President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for the third year in a row. The distinction recognizes colleges and universities for engaging students, faculty, and staff in volunteer efforts that have a significant effect on the surrounding community.

COAR members donated nearly 7,000 hours of work and made an economic impact of more than \$145,000 for



Norm Shafer

Mary Washington's culture of service starts at the top. Above, President Richard V. Hurley helps students complete a Habitat for Humanity project.

Fredericksburg-area agencies, schools, and hospitals during the 2010-2011 academic year. UMW COAR works outside the community, too. During spring break in March, it sent 51 students to Wilmington and Avery County, N.C., and to Cookeville, Tenn., to work with Habitat for Humanity.

The Community Service Honor

Roll award is presented by the Corporation for National and Community Service in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Campus Compact, and the American Council on Education.

## Foreign Affairs Essay Ranks High at Naval Academy Conference

International affairs major **Callie Kyhl '12** was named first runner-up for best civilian paper in the Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference (NAFAC) national essay contest. Her winning paper was titled *U.S.-China Competition in the South China Sea: A U.S. "Eclipsed" or "Resurgent."*

Jack Kramer, UMW distinguished professor of political science and international affairs, worked with Kyhl on the semester-long independent study for which she wrote the essay.

"This is a truly outstanding and very well-deserved achievement on Callie's part," Kramer said. "It is also a testimonial to the outstanding

education Callie has received at UMW, where faculty and students routinely work closely together."

Kyhl is a paralegal for Livesay & Myers in Manassas, Va., and she once held a seat on the Remington Town Council. A member of Phi Beta Kappa and the UMW Pre-Law Society, she hopes to complete Virginia's Law Reader Program and become a licensed attorney.

Held in April, NAFAC is the country's leading undergraduate conference, bringing together promising students from around the world to discuss current global affairs.



Callie Kyhl '12





## Pros Share Real-World Lessons

Business leader Thomas P. Nerney and education leader **Princess Moss '83** each spent a day in residence at the University of Mary Washington this spring semester.

Nerney, UMW 2012 Executive-in-Residence, believes business is about putting the heart first, keeping a clear focus on the people in the organization, and emphasizing company culture. The chair, president, and chief executive officer of United States Liability Insurance Group spoke to nearly 100 regional business leaders and community members on March 23 at the Executive-in-Residence event. The College of Business and the Division of Advancement and University Relations coordinate the program, which was established in 1989.

Moss, UMW 2012 Educator-in-Residence, is on the front lines fighting for today's teachers. The one-time member of the UMW Board of Visitors discussed this struggle in May at the second annual Educator-in-Residence event, sponsored by the UMW College of Education. Moss, who serves as president of the National Education Association Executive Committee, earned a bachelor's degree in music education from Mary Washington in 1983 and began teaching in Louisa, Va., that year. The daylong event at the Stafford campus also featured graduate presentations, workshops, and an awards ceremony.

At top, Educator-in-Residence Princess Moss. At right, UMW Foundation Director John Chappell (left) listens to Executive-in-Residence Thomas P. Nerney.



Norm Shafer

## Hotel Rising



nby Architecture

UMW Foundation's five-story Hyatt Place hotel project will be the first to benefit from the Virginia Tourism Development Financing project, announced in June by Gov. Bob McDonnell. Construction began in July on the building situated between Giant Food and the Eagle Village Executive Offices. The 66,500-square-foot hotel will include 93 rooms or suites, conference rooms, an indoor pool, and a fitness center. The City of Fredericksburg and Fredericksburg Economic Development Authority are supporting partners in the hotel, which should open by fall 2013.



# Students From Across Disciplines Present Research

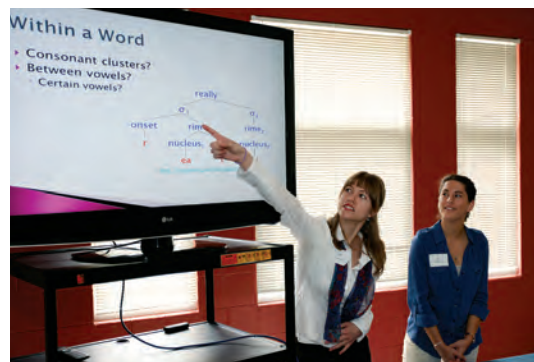
Biology major **Cole Eskridge '12** presented a project at this year's Student Research and Creativity Day that got its start at last year's Summer Science Institute. The two events, designed to foster UMW's ongoing emphasis on undergraduate student research, worked in tandem to produce Eskridge's worm-related work, "Phylogenetic Analysis and Diversity of Free-Living Terrestrial Nematodes in Virginia."

Spotlighting undergraduate research across disciplines – from the STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering, and math) to art and the humanities – this pair of programs showcases the hard work and long hours students pour into an array of projects each semester. Presentations allow participants to share their methods and findings and to answer questions posed by their peers.

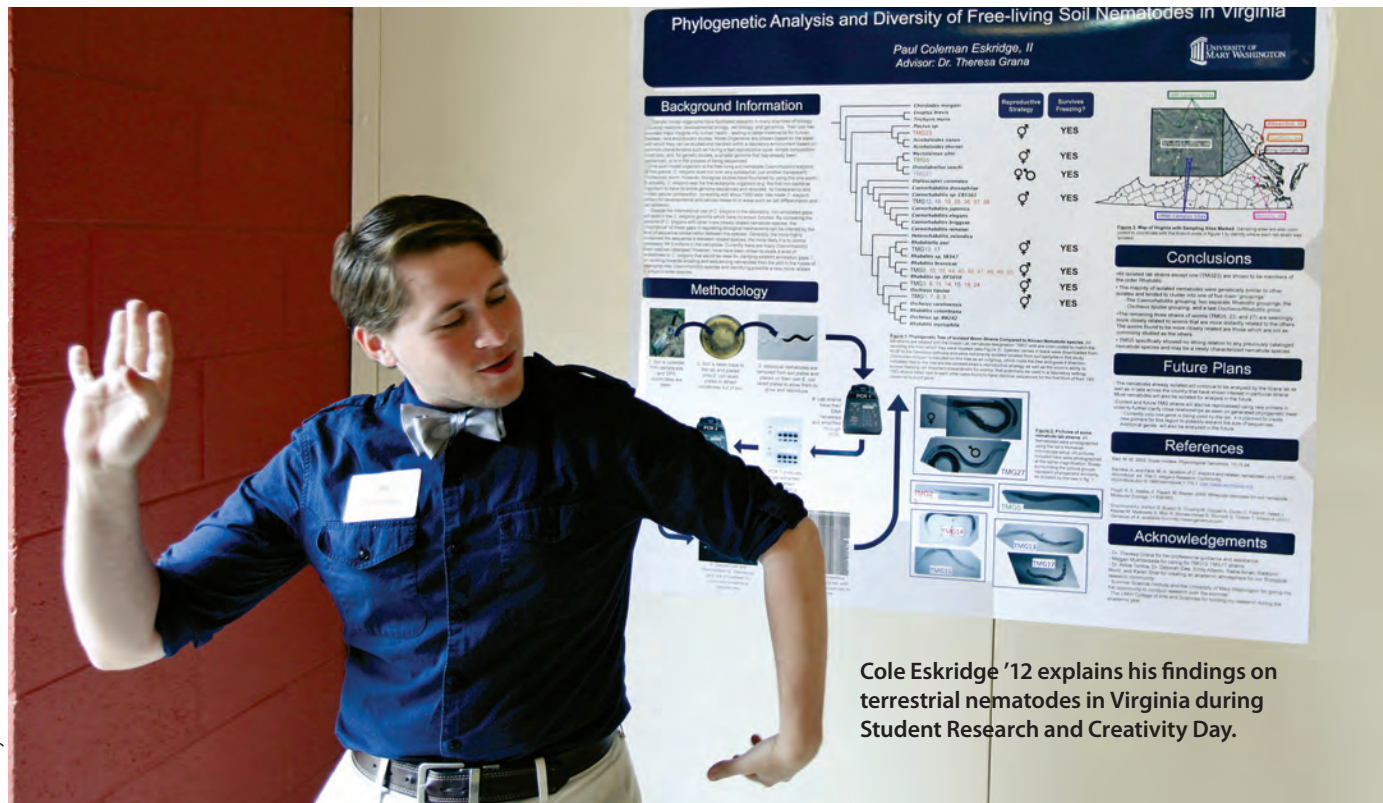
More than 100 undergraduates from each discipline the University offers took part in April's sixth annual UMW Student Research and Creativity

Symposium. Topics included such areas as soil erosion, wind energy, zombie films, and mad cow disease. Either in oral presentations or visually through posters and artwork, participants reported the essence of their studies, which can take several months of work and often represent collaboration between students and professors.

Co-directed by Assistant Professor of Biology Deborah Zies and Professor of Mathematics Debra Hydorn, the Summer Science Institute supports research in biology, chemistry, earth and environmental science, physics, mathematics, and computer science. Research includes subjects like the impact of development on water quality, producing iPhone games for elementary schools, and gene cloning. Nearly 40 students and faculty members participated in this year's summer session. Students shared the results of their research during a symposium in July.



At top, Drema Khraibani '13 talks about wind energy in the Middle East. Above, Kiersten Anderson '13 (left) and Ali McClellan '13 present the results of research on spoken language in children.



Cole Eskridge '12 explains his findings on terrestrial nematodes in Virginia during Student Research and Creativity Day.





## Governor Welcomes Monroe to Executive Mansion

Two centuries after he signed legislation to have the Virginia Executive Mansion built, James Monroe has received a formal invitation to the home of the state's governor.

A near life-size portrait of the fifth United States president, on loan from UMW's James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library and attributed

to American neoclassical painter Rembrandt Peale, was unveiled in the mansion's State Dining Room on June 21. It will remain on view there for two years in celebration of the 2013 bicentennial of the building's construction.

Installed in February in the oval-shaped dining room, the three-quarter-length portrait and its

large gold frame have considerable heft. The piece was carefully transported and installed by art handlers from Ely Inc. and staff members from the Executive Mansion and the Library of Virginia. James Monroe Museum Curator Jarod Kearney and

Director Scott Harris also were on hand for the installation.

Once the portrait was in place, Harris said, "first lady Maureen McDonnell texted the governor, who was at the State Capitol, telling him 'James is here!'"

Before the stately Executive Mansion was built, Virginia's governors, including Monroe, lived in a modest frame house on the same site.

Born in Westmoreland County, Va., in 1758, Monroe served as United States senator and as American ambassador to France before being elected governor of Virginia. He held that office for four terms, from 1799 to 1802 and again in 1811. He resigned to become Secretary of State that same year and was Secretary of War in 1814 and 1815. Monroe served two terms as president, from 1817 to 1825.

The James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library, administered by the University of Mary Washington, is the nation's largest repository of artifacts and documents related to the fifth president of the United States.



After the precious portrait of four-term Virginia Gov. James Monroe was safe in the Executive Mansion in Richmond, first lady Maureen McDonnell texted the governor at the Capitol, "James is here!"

## Three Alumni Named to UMW Board

In June, the office of Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell named three new members to the University of Mary Washington Board of Visitors. The recent appointees are **Tara C. Corrigall '82** of Virginia Beach, **Theresa Young Crawley '77** of Fredericksburg, and **Mark S. Ingrao '81** of Falls Church, Va.

Corrigall, a financial adviser and certified investment management analyst, is director of advisory and brokerage services at the Virginia Beach branch of the global firm UBS. She is a member of the boards of directors of the Central Business District Association of Virginia Beach and the YWCA of South



Tara C. Corrigall '82

Committee, having served as the group's first chair. She was a member of the UMW Alumni Association Board of Directors beginning in 1992 and served as president from 1998 through the end of her tenure in 2000. She

Hampton Roads. A longtime UMW President's Council donor, Corrigall is on the President's Council



Theresa Young Crawley '77

and secretary to the UMW Alumni Association Board of Directors. She preceded Corrigall as president of the UMW Alumni Board, filling that role from 1996 to 1998, during

also is a class news agent for *UMW Magazine*.

Crawley, a dentist and avid community volunteer, is sole proprietor of her thriving Fredericksburg practice



# New Director Takes the Lead in UMW Athletics



Ken Tyler

Ken Tyler dreams big. UMW's new athletic director wants to make Mary Washington one of the top 25 NCAA Division III programs in the country.

Tyler, former director of athletics at West Virginia Wesleyan College, comes from a school with the largest athletic program in that state. He succeeds a UMW legend, Edward Hegmann, who retired in July after serving the University for 36 years.

At a press conference in May announcing Tyler's selection, the new athletic director conceded that he had big shoes to fill. Tyler described

Hegmann as "the architect of UMW athletics."

"Mary Washington's outstanding academic reputation, combined with its strong and broad-based athletic program, makes this one of the best small-college positions in the country," Tyler said. Present at the news conference were several of his former athletes as well as two teammates and lifelong friends from his time as a student at the College of William and Mary, where he played on the men's basketball team.

At WVWC, an NCAA Division II school with more than 500 student-athletes and 19 varsity sports, Tyler had amassed a long list of accomplishments, including the improvement of the football and other athletic teams during his tenure.

Tyler served on the Division II Athletic Directors Association Board of Directors, and he was the Atlantic Region Chair on the Division II National Men's Basketball Committee. He has served as vice-chair of West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference athletic directors and

as chair of the WVIAC Basketball Tournament Committee.

Tyler was an active community member in Buckhannon, W.Va. As a board member for the United Way of the Eastern Panhandle and former campaign chair, he helped the organization raise more than \$3 million.

Before joining WVWC, Tyler spent seven years at Shepherd University, where he served as head men's basketball coach and assistant athletic director. He had held the same two positions at Albright College in Pennsylvania for six years. He also had one-year stints as assistant men's basketball coach at East Stroudsburg University, Roanoke College, and James Madison University, where he served under famed coach Charles "Lefty" Driesell.

Tyler earned his undergraduate and master's degrees from the College of William and Mary. An avid reader and a Civil War enthusiast, he and his wife, Dawn, have a son, Jordan, 14, and a daughter, Logan, 10.

which time she was instrumental in establishing the Washington Scholars and Distinguished Graduate in Residence programs. She and husband William B. Crawley Jr., professor emeritus of history, served as national co-chairs for the successful \$75 million UMW Centennial Capital Campaign. They were awarded the exclusive Washington Medallion for their extraordinary service to Mary Washington and sponsored a UMW student through the Initiative to Educate Afghan Women.

Ingrao, president and CEO of the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce, has held leadership roles at such organizations as the National



Mark S. Ingrao '81

past chairman of the Board of Regents for Leadership Arlington, Ingrao also formerly chaired the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. Additional boards on which he has served include the Northern Virginia Transportation

Apartment Association, the National Business Development Practice of Arthur Andersen, LLP, and Washington Gas. A member and

Alliance, the Initiative for Public Art Reston, and the Arlington Free Clinic. A certified compensation professional and association executive, Ingrao helped to coordinate the 25- and 30-year reunions for his UMW graduating class. He also holds a coveted after-hours position handed down by his father of moving the chains that signify downs at Washington Redskins home games.

The new members of the Board of Visitors will serve four-year terms, expiring on June 30, 2016. They succeed Randall R. Eley, **Martha Kearns Leighty '75**, and **Patricia Branstetter Revere '63**.



## UMW Names Three 2012 Scholar-Athletes



Megan DeSmit



Marina Frano



Chris Marino

University of Mary Washington's **Megan DeSmit '12**, **Marina Frano '12**, and **Chris Marino '12** were named 2012 Scholar-Athletes of the Year.

DeSmit advanced to the NCAA Division III Swimming Championships in March, gaining top-25 performances in three events, after receiving multiple all-conference honors at the CAC Championships in February. She holds four conference and school records. A biology major, DeSmit has made the President's and Dean's lists, and gained academic all-conference and all-America honors each year. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Mortar Board, Chi Beta Phi, Alpha Phi Sigma, and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

For the past two years, Frano has advanced to the regional and zone equestrian championships, performing as one of the program's top riders. A member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Chi Beta Phi, and Phi Beta Kappa, she is on the President's and Dean's lists. Frano also has taken on multiple volunteer roles, including fundraising for and participating in Relay for Life. A biology major, she volunteered last summer at Tackett's Mill Veterinary Hospital.

Marino has been an integral member of UMW's cross country and indoor and outdoor track and field teams for four years. He has been an all-conference performer in all three sports and a team captain. An English major, Marino has made the UMW and Capital Athletic Conference honor rolls each year.

This is the 22nd year UMW has presented Scholar-Athlete of the Year awards.

## "Mary Massacre" Takes UMW Ultimate All the Way

Mary Massacre, the UMW women's Ultimate Frisbee team, competed nationally in May at the USA Ultimate Division III College Championships in Appleton, Wis., for the second year in a row. Joining some of the best D3 teams in the country, the team placed 11th after playing six games.

"Ultimate is a team sport unlike any that I have ever played before," said club president **Emily Goldhammer '13**, who scored at least one point in each game they played at nationals. "Every person on the field has a role at every moment."

The tournament is made up of one day of pool play and one day of bracket play. On the first day of the tournament, Mary Massacre was seeded third in its pool at nationals and kept that seed by losing to the first and second seeded teams, Pacific Lutheran University and Carleton College, and beating the fourth seed, Hendrix College. They then played a crossover game against the second seed of a different pool, Grinnell College, and lost, leading them to play in the ninth-place bracket. On the second day, they won against Willamette University and lost to Pacific Lutheran.

"I am proud of what our women's ultimate team has accomplished both on and off the field in the past few years," said UMW Director of Campus Recreation Mark Mermelstein. "They are extremely organized, highly motivated, and truly a unique pleasure to work with."

Mary Massacre, which was initiated in 2003, won the Atlantic Coast Regional Championships last year and placed second in the region this year. It is one of a handful of UMW sports clubs that compete at the national level.



UMW women's Ultimate Frisbee team Mary Massacre won the Atlantic Coast Regional Championships last year and placed second in the region this year before competing in nationals in May.



# Eagles Tennis, Lacrosse Shine in Spring Season

The University of Mary Washington made an impressive showing this season in tennis and women's lacrosse.

The UMW men's and women's tennis teams capped the spring 2012 athletics calendar by sending three players to compete in the NCAA Division III Individual Championships in Cary, N.C., in late May. **Evan Charles '15** and **Donato Rizzolo '15** advanced all the way to the national semifinals of the men's doubles championship. **Lindsay Raulston '14** advanced to the women's singles championship, falling in the first round.

Charles and Rizzolo, who helped the Eagles get to their 13th consecutive Capital Athletic Conference Championship and advance to the third round of the NCAA team competition, gained All-America status by defeating Kyle Gerber and John Healey of Case Western Reserve with a score of 5-7, 6-2, 7-6 (1).

The freshman duo then avenged a regular-season loss to Mark Bloom and Patrick Lipscomb of the University of Redlands by winning a three-set decision over them in the national quarterfinals, with a score of 3-6, 7-5, 6-2. As they'd done in their first-round match, Charles and Rizzolo started slowly, falling behind 3-0 in the first set. The teams traded points on serve to move the score to 4-1 in favor of Redlands, and despite several break points, UMW fell in the first set, 6-3.

The second set saw the Eagles firing on all cylinders, jumping out to a 3-0 lead. Redlands responded with a break

and hold to move the score to 3-2, and the teams traded points on serve until UMW led, 6-5. The Eagles broke serve and gained the second set with a lob winner on set point to tie the match at one set apiece.

Rizzolo opened the third set by holding serve, and UMW broke and held to push the score to 3-0. After both teams held twice, the Eagles led, 5-2, and broke serve on the third match point to come away with the 3-6, 7-5, 6-2 win. The duo's run ended in the national semifinals when they lost to Amrik Donkena and Mya Smith-Dennis of Gustavus Adolphus College, 6-4, 7-6 (5).

Playing in her first NCAA Individual Championship, Raulston, reigning Capital Athletic Conference Player of the Year, fell in the first round of the national singles draw to Kara Shoemaker of national champion Williams College, 6-3, 6-4. Raulston closed the year with an overall singles record of 25-4.

The women's lacrosse team advanced to the national quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament in May, toppling state foe Washington and Lee University in the opening round, 16-8, before falling to second-ranked SUNY Cortland, 12-5.

**Catherine Kennedy '12** and **Allie Kimmelman '12**, the most productive scoring combo in program history, both gained All-America honors.

Kennedy, a four-time All-American for the Eagles, closed her career as the program's all-time leader in goals (299) and total points (387), scoring 62 goals and 17 assists in 2012, as the Eagles finished 14-5. Kimmelman is the school's all-time leader in assists, with 210, and ranks second – behind only Kennedy – in career points, with 348. She gains the third All-America award of her career.



This spring, Evan Charles (bottom left) and Donato Rizzolo (far right) advanced to the national semifinals of the men's tennis doubles championship. Lindsay Raulston (top left) competed in the women's singles championship. Seniors Allie Kimmelman (center top) and Catherine Kennedy (center bottom) were the most productive scoring duo in UMW women's lacrosse program history. Both were given All-America honors.



# Building on Theory

Student microloans bring economic development to impoverished Hondurans

| By Robert Burke



Norm Shafer





Professor Shawn Humphrey (in brown sweatshirt) and Alex Erskine '14 haul cardboard to construct a shelter on Ball Circle for the \$2 a Day Challenge; Keegan Cooke '14 and Lucy Pierson '12 look on. Humphrey's students get out of the classroom to experience situations that illustrate the challenges of poverty, such as the week in April when they live on \$2 a day.

Shawn Humphrey came to UMW seven years ago, 34 years old and a freshly minted associate professor, ready to teach his young charges what he calls the “very beautiful” theories of economics.

“As economists, we try to create these mathematical models to explain why things are the way they are,” he said.

What he didn't bring was an answer for a sharp question asked by a few students in his first comparative economics class. They had been working in poor communities in Honduras, as part of Students Helping Honduras, SHH, a nonprofit group started at UMW by **Shin Fujiyama '07**. The students wanted to know, how do we *change* the way things are?

“They started challenging me,” Humphrey said. “They asked, ‘How do your lectures prepare me for helping others?’ I never had an answer for them. I was like, ‘Who are these people?’ ”

In the same way that the experience in Honduras had changed the students, their question changed Humphrey. What distinguishes him as a teacher is his willingness to face the unsettling prospect of challenging his own ideas of how to teach economics and how to help his students get ready for their work beyond college. “I don't like to not have an answer for my students,” he said. “So what I do now comes out of that frustration.”

In the seven years since, Humphrey has created a way for UMW students to work in impoverished areas of Honduras and to let them feel the power – and the burden – of trying to effect change in the world outside the classroom.





La Ceiba

His first step was to go to Honduras. In January 2008, Humphrey joined an SHH trip. He saw how the people in poor villages there were living and how he might help. “I just remember walking through this community, and it’s blistering hot and there’s mosquitoes and it’s dusty and dirty,” he said. “And I’m wondering, ‘What the hell am I doing here? Get me back to my blackboard. Please.’”

But that trip changed him. He flew home and the next day walked into his developmental economics class. “I threw out the syllabus in front of them and said, ‘We’re going to make a microfinance institution.’ I basically committed myself to Honduras at that point,” Humphrey said.

That was the start of La Ceiba, a microfinance group run by UMW students. It began its lending in 2009, and every year since Humphrey has led a handful of UMW students to small Honduran villages to put the project into action. La Ceiba’s single goal is to help its clients out of poverty by giving them loans to help support the start of a small business or to simply make it easier to pay the bills from one month to the next.

The seed money for La Ceiba came from the \$2 a Day Challenge [see “Projects and Initiatives,” page 19] that Humphrey began in 2006. In 2008, its first year of fundraising

for La Ceiba, it raised \$6,750, which financed the first round of loans.

The La Ceiba project has had success. Since its start, UMW students have worked every year in three Honduran communities, and the project has hired a loan officer there. In all, the organization has made about 80 loans,

the smallest being \$25 and the average loan at about \$130. As of late May, La Ceiba had about 45 active loans.

The numbers don’t reveal the hurdles Humphrey’s students have faced when they have tried to take classroom lessons into a real-world setting. For example, **Tatiana Faramarzi ’12**, then a UMW sophomore, headed to Honduras in December 2010 feeling prepared to teach village women the basics of how a loan works and how to create a small business. But once she got there, she learned she wasn’t ready.

Faramarzi, now 23, and about a dozen other UMW students had

spent a semester working with Humphrey to prepare for their trip to Siete de Abril, a squatter community of a few hundred people in northern Honduras just outside the city of El Progreso. The families there are desperately poor. After Hurricane Mitch swept through Honduras in 1998, they rebuilt their village on a riverbank out of scrap materials.



Terry Cosgrove

**Shawn Humphrey keeps an open mind about how to teach economics. Student questions about how lectures and theory help the poor led him to Honduras. On his return, he discarded the class syllabus and worked with students to create a microfinance group, which grew into La Ceiba.**



On the first day in Siete de Abril, Faramarzi and **Sarah Alvarez '12**, then also a sophomore, walked from house to house urging local women to come to the class they would be teaching on basic business planning. Many of the women were already selling items such as handmade jewelry or fresh fruit. The idea was, if the women would take small loans from La Ceiba, they could grow their businesses and have a better way of supporting their families.

About a dozen women showed up at the first class in the one-room village school. Alvarez and Faramarzi handed out worksheets with lessons on them, but the classroom-style teaching the Americans used was utterly foreign to the Honduran women. It was a flop.

"I think a lot of them were taking the worksheets home for their kids to draw on or to burn in the fire," Faramarzi said. The next day, only four Hondurans showed up. "I don't think we had really prepared ourselves."

So just like Humphrey, the students had to toss out their plans and start over. Faramarzi and Alvarez worked well into that first night in Honduras to come up with role-playing exercises they hoped would save their teaching plan. After midnight **Meredith Greenwell '12**, then a junior, took

over. Alvarez, now 22, remembers waking at 3 a.m. to see Greenwell sitting in the dark a few feet away "cross-legged with a flashlight taped to her shoulder, hunched over, and just writing and writing."

Humphrey smiled at that story, in part because he's been through it himself. "Maturation by fire," he called it. It's stressful, it's difficult, and it is part of learning how to use economics in a complex world. That's the challenge that Honduras brings. The needs there are real, and so is the students' passion.

Humphrey's experience with poverty didn't start in Honduras. He grew up in North Bend, Ohio, near Cincinnati. His parents divorced when he was a toddler, and his mother then married a man who worked a string of low-paying jobs. Humphrey, his older sister, and a younger stepsister grew up without much. "I've witnessed the repo man taking our cars," he said. "I've taken white bread and put it in a ball, and that would be my dinner sometimes. We were poor."

Football helped Humphrey get to college. His athletic ability and the help of a devoted high school coach made



A loan from La Ceiba allowed Honduran Maria Diaz (in red) to establish this fruit stand. The UMW student group has made about 80 loans in all, averaging \$130 each.





In January in El Progreso, Yolanda Reyes took part in La Ceiba's first business-plan competition. The student microfinance group awarded a total of \$625 to three Honduran entrepreneurs there.

the difference. The coach had played football at Earlham College and helped Humphrey get scholarships so he could attend the Richmond, Ind., school. At 41, Humphrey still looks like the strong safety he was on the field. "I was pretty quick and could hit pretty hard," he said.

Humphrey earned a bachelor of arts at Earlham in 1993, a master's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1996, and a doctorate from Washington University in St. Louis in 2002, all in economics. He spent three years as an assistant professor of economics at California State University San Marcos before joining the Mary Washington faculty. Humphrey and his wife, Kyra Haigh, live in Richmond with their son, Dillon, 7.

Humphrey has a formal mission statement for his teaching: *Articulate and act upon a set of best practices for engaging students in the implementation of responsible, effective, and sustainable economic development projects.*

But students find him approachable, even informal. On his comparative economics class syllabus he wrote, "I am

more than willing to talk about class, the challenges of being a college student, careers, or life in general."

Humphrey received the UMW Alumni Association Outstanding Young Faculty Member Award in spring 2009.

In Honduras, Humphrey and the students who join La Ceiba work and live elbow-to-elbow for two weeks. "We spend hours after we get done with our work just talking," he said. The walls between professor and students come down, "and we never end up building the walls back up because our relationships are transformed. So there's an openness and honesty with them."

The relationships La Ceiba members have with clients are critical as well. Because loan recipients have little experience in traditional banking, they need frequent contact and support. Often, those interactions affect students the most.

This spring Alvarez was working with Suyapa Santamaria, who was seeking a loan to buy a freezer for the small store she runs from her house in Villa Soleada, a village largely



La Ceiba members, such as Daniel Tees (above), have a lot to accomplish in the short time on the ground in Honduras, but they aspire not to lose sight of the people they are there to help.



# PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES



## La Ceiba

La Ceiba is a collegiate microfinance project that provides financial, social, and educational support to small-business owners in Honduras. Founded by Humphrey and his students, La Ceiba operates on the premise that the path out of poverty begins with

bottom-up market-based initiatives that create stable wage-earning employment. La Ceiba partners with the UMW Department of Economics and Students Helping Honduras.

[www.laceibamfi.org](http://www.laceibamfi.org)



## Two Dollar Challenge (TDC)

In 2006, Humphrey gave his Principles of Macroeconomics class the challenge to live for one week on only \$2 a day, an everyday way of life for many in the world. For his 2008 Economic Development class, the challenge became the "Living on

\$2 a Day" project to raise seed capital for the La Ceiba microfinance initiative, and it caught on across UMW. Today, the "\$2 a Day Challenge" has spread to about 20 campuses. Participants choose a cause, select a partner, set a monetary goal, and live on \$2 a day for one week; TDC provides online resources for instructors and students.

[www.twodollarchallenge.org](http://www.twodollarchallenge.org)



## 2012 Poverty Action Conference • Oct. 5-6 at UMW

Humphrey and his students held the first annual Poverty Action Conference in spring 2009. It gives students the chance to be together and share their ideas for fighting poverty and promoting economic development. "It's unique in the sense that it's an opportunity to present their own work to a panel of experts and get feedback," Humphrey said.

Humphrey and his students are organizing the 2012 Poverty Action Conference.

Keynote speakers will be:

- Yale economist Dean Karlan, author of *More Than Good Intentions*.
- Sandra Schimmelpfennig, author of the blog *Good Intentions Are Not Enough*.
- Jonathan C. Lewis, founder of iOnPoverty and Opportunity Collaboration.

Students from across the U.S. are welcome to attend, present their work, and/or learn from peers and experts. They may register online at [www.povertyactionconference.org](http://www.povertyactionconference.org).



## Month of Microfinance

Month of Microfinance is a coalition of student-led and/or student-focused groups dedicated to microfinance. Launched by TDC and

La Ceiba last spring, Month of Microfinance participants at nearly 50 locations – colleges, universities, and high schools – hold events to raise awareness and funds for domestic and global microfinance and provide educational opportunities for themselves and their communities.

[www.monthofmicrofinance.org](http://www.monthofmicrofinance.org)



## Students Helping Honduras

Shin Fujiyama '07 traveled to Honduras in 2004 and left with a commitment to

the impoverished people of Siete de Abril, especially the children. The next year, Fujiyama led UMW and other Virginia colleges to embrace his mission, which grew into an international nonprofit aid organization with campus chapters across the United States.

In 2011, Fujiyama, a 2009 CNN Hero, and community leaders in Honduras launched the Central American Children's Institute (CECI) to run and staff the programs in Honduras. SHH chapters continue to raise funds for the programs. Shawn Humphrey served on the board of SHH and now serves on the board of CECI.

[www.ceciskids.org](http://www.ceciskids.org)





La Ceiba

In El Progreso in January are (front row) La Ceiba Honduran loan officer Ana Lucia Galo Melgar and Humphrey. In back are (from left) La Ceiba assistant Tano Lopez and UMW students Santiago Sueiro, Tatiana Faramarzi, Daniel Tees, Ashley Cameron, Sarah Alvarez, Nicole Cochran, Emily Sherman, and Ashley Hess.

constructed by SHH volunteers. Alvarez spoke with Santamaria via Skype about her plans.

Though Alvarez's Spanish is good, she's not fluent, so the conversation was clumsy at first. "I had to almost talk myself into talking to this woman. She was telling me about [her business], and I was scribbling down notes. After a while she started getting teary-eyed and said, 'Your being here means so much to me,'" Alvarez said. "If that isn't enough to make you want to work to the ends of the world, then I don't know what would. That's when I knew this wasn't just going to be a semester project."

La Ceiba isn't for everyone. With each new semester, Humphrey keeps an eye out for students he thinks might be willing to commit to the project and not be overwhelmed. "The only thing I come back to is, we are a tribe," he said. "We have a set of customs, and you have to internalize our value system."

Each year, one or two students struggle. Sometimes the pressure of being responsible for real-life consequences to the Honduran clients is too much. Other times, it's the lack of structure that overwhelms them; La Ceiba is a student-

run effort "and some people buckle under that freedom," Humphrey said.

The professor has had his own doubts. Is he expecting too much from undergraduates? After all, he was a professional in his 30s when Honduras changed his view of the world. What is it like for the members of La Ceiba?

To find the answer, Humphrey asked Greenwell whether he was being fair to her and to her classmates.

Humphrey said, "I was thinking, 'Am I doing more harm than good when it comes to the advancement of my students?' She was like, 'Hell yeah, it's fair. You make a decision that you're going to do it or not do it.'"

Every year brings new students and clients to La Ceiba. One challenge is how to keep the mission true to its origins. That's especially true this year, since students who graduated in May have ties back nearly to the start of La Ceiba.

Faramarzi spent most of April in Honduras working to create a job description for the new loan officer, a critical position for the project. "We want people to see us as a microfinance organization and not just a bunch of kids throwing checks to people in a country we know nothing about," she said.



# Humphrey, Students Represent at Clinton Global Initiative U.



The efforts of Shawn Humphrey and his students to fight poverty are earning attention far beyond the University of Mary Washington campus.

This spring Humphrey was chosen as one of 30 people to serve as mentor at the three-day Clinton Global Initiative University (CGIU), which was held at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

"I got the opportunity to communicate with some really incredible people," Humphrey said. Among them were a young woman from Afghanistan and a man from the Maasai tribe in Kenya.

"I love the idea of being able to connect with a young person who is doing incredible work," he said. "You can't buy that."

CGIU was launched in 2005 by former President Bill Clinton to bring together global leaders and activists to develop and implement solutions for some of the world's most pressing problems, such as public health, human rights, and poverty. The 2012 session, held for three days in late March, brought together about 1,000 students from around the world for work and skill sessions.

UMW students Sarah Alvarez, Ashley Cameron, Nicole Cochran, Santiago Sueiro, and Daniel Tees also attended the event, which Humphrey called "an incredible networking opportunity."

Humphrey and a group of students – the TDC team – first were invited to CGIU in 2009, the same year TDC went from being a UMW event to a national initiative.

In 2010, Humphrey and the TDC team attended another summit convened by the U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy and the U.S. State Department, where they presented their efforts to involve citizens in fighting poverty and disease. Last year, the TDC team was invited to participate in Clinton Global Initiative University 2011 in San Diego to highlight its first National Month of Microfinance.

The students take that responsibility seriously because the experience presses so hard on them. Greenwell said students are forewarned about the culture shock of going to Honduras. "But I think if you speak to anybody with La Ceiba, there's a culture shock of coming home that is equal if not greater," she said. "I'm a firm believer in academia, but at the same time it's very hard to sit and muse about hypotheticals in a classroom when you've spent the past 12 days of your life trying to help [someone] actually build a business."

In May, Alvarez, Faramarzi, and Greenwell all graduated, along with other La Ceiba members. So now, despite their attachment to one another and to their clients, it's time for them to get out of the way.



Honduran Reina Reyes (left) sells clutches she made from discarded chip bags and soda labels. La Ceiba purchases the items and resells them in the UMW Bookstore.

Humphrey is already recruiting new students to the microfinance organization, and the departing members will move on to jobs and other studies. That's better for the new students, Faramarzi said. "It's important that they feel like they're authors in all this."

Humphrey asked all the graduating La Ceiba students to gather on Campus Walk at the James Farmer statue after the commencement ceremony. He wanted to meet the graduates' families.

"When we see each other, we all come together," Humphrey said. "I do not take any credit for the successes they have realized. I don't know where I begin and they end. They're simply incredible people." 🏠





Sadie Grace Ablard was so moved by photos of children with cleft palate that she asked others to give donations to help them instead of bringing her Christmas gifts. That winter, Sadie's "gifts" funded corrective surgeries for two children.



## Sadie's Smile



| By Lisa Chinn '92

As Sara Showalter Ablard '92 skated with her daughter last August, she worried. None of the children at the roller-rink birthday party were wearing helmets, and management didn't offer them.

When Sadie fell and hit her head, Sara helped her up. When it happened again, Sara headed for the door.

The party was just a bad memory by bedtime. After a bath and a story, Sara snuggled in close to "soak up some Sadie" and tucked her in tight.

It would be the last time.

At 5, Sadie had played violin, begun learning French, and taken up knitting. Sara wasn't surprised when Sadie wanted to raise and release a butterfly; what caught the mother's attention, though, was the look on her daughter's face when the child realized the beautiful insect wasn't coming back.

Now butterflies remind Sara that Sadie won't be coming back, either.

"They'll fly in front of my face and cling to me," said Sara, a marriage and family therapist who lives in Purcellville, Va. "Maybe they were there before; I never noticed."

Nearly 2 million Americans suffer traumatic brain injuries each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Of those, 50,000 die. Last summer, those statistics came calling for Sadie – and Sara, who lives alone now in the house with the swing set out back and the crayon-colored unicorn on the fridge. The techniques she teaches others to help push through pain and fill emptiness with purpose have helped her survive the biggest challenge of her life – and turn heartbreak into help for hundreds of children.

On May 12, Sara celebrated what would've been Sadie's sixth birthday cheering on runners in a 5K she organized to benefit Smile Train. The group sponsors surgeries for children with cleft lip and palate, children whose photos touched Sadie so much she'd asked for donations for them at Christmas instead of gifts for herself. The procedures allow the youngsters to eat and speak properly – and to smile. Big, beaming grins, like Sadie's first when she was just 8 weeks old.

Sara plans to fund 1,913 of those smiles – one for each day her daughter lived.

"It's touching when people find us as a way to turn tragedy into a positive," said Smile Train's Anna Lawrence. "People like Sara are special."



More than 24 hours had passed since the roller-rink party when Sadie first said her head hurt. Sara called the pediatrician and mentioned the falls, but after that long,

the doctor wasn't concerned.

So, Sara gave Sadie some Tylenol and started a DVD. Within the hour – *The Bee Movie* still playing – Sadie began to lose consciousness.

Sara called 911.

A helicopter flew Sadie to Inova Fairfax Hospital, where doctors discovered a ruptured blood vessel in her brain. Sara braced for the worst, but before – and after – surgery, the doctor reassured her.

"I remember the look on his face when things started to go south," Sara said. She and Sadie's father are divorced.

Cerebral edema, or swelling, was putting pressure on Sadie's brainstem, compromising critical functions. Her body was trying – but failing – to recover. During the next 12 hours, her heart would stop beating. Again and again. Until she was gone.

In a way, Sara's heart stopped beating then, too.

"Nothing meant anything," she said.

The mother in her might've given up, but the therapist couldn't.

"I know what's on the other side," Sara said. "I knew if I crawled in bed, I wouldn't get out. It's easier just to keep going."



Sara loved Mary Washington the second she saw it in *Peterson's Complete Guide to Colleges*. When her parents took her to visit another school, she refused to get out of the car.

At Mary Washington, "everybody was supportive and wanted you to do great things," Sara said.

She learned writing skills from Jack Kramer, professor of political science and international affairs, and remembers the encouragement of Joe DiBella, professor of art and art history.

Sara studied political science and studio art. But roommate **Heather Paige '92** was a psychology major with a therapist mother, and that planted a seed. Sara earned a master's degree in counseling psychology from Marymount University and a post-master's certificate in marriage and family therapy from Virginia Tech. She now counsels couples and families in her Middleburg practice.

When she lost Sadie, Sara knew she'd be crushed by



**Sara Showalter Ablard '92 lost daughter Sadie after the 5-year-old fell and suffered a brain injury while roller skating in August 2011. Today, Sara is working to give hundreds of children a smile as bright as her child's.**

the weight of her grief if she didn't take on something big – something life-affirming.

"Brain injuries are awful," Sara said, "but it's not the direction I wanted to take."

She thought of the children Sadie wanted to help and of Smile Train, which makes surgery for a cleft lip or palate possible with a donation as low as \$250. To reach her target, Sara must raise \$478,250.

"It's a bold goal," she wrote on the Sadie's Smile Foundation website, but

"Sadie lived with a bold heart."

Sara raised nearly \$60,000 in eight months – a third from Sadie's Race, the May 5K she held in Purcellville. She plans to hold the race, along with a golf tournament, annually.

She's also training for a triathlon, building a butterfly garden in memory of Sadie, and "trying to figure out what the heck I'm doing here."

"Her training is about strategizing and coping," said Paige, Sara's Mary Washington roommate, who's now a psychologist. "Sara's choosing a path that works for her."

What she *isn't* choosing is to give up.

"I won't say goodbye..." she wrote in a letter to Sadie. "I'll just wait and work longingly until the day I get to see you again...nose kiss, butterfly kiss, lizard kiss.

"Mommy." 🏠



**On what would have been Sadie's sixth birthday, Sadie's Race raised \$20,000 for Smile Train, a nonprofit organization that provides surgery for children born with facial abnormalities.**





## BY DEGREES UMW Graduates Class of 2012 in 101st Commencement | Photos by Norm Shafer

A beautiful May morning on Ball Circle can bring commencement memories to many Mary Washington alumni and put a spring in the step of the day's class of graduates.

Saturday, May 12, was such a day for the Class of 2012, with proud families looking on, beloved faculty on the dais, and President Richard V. Hurley shaking the hand of each scholar as he awarded the diplomas.

This year, the man who coined the term "Millennial Generation" spoke at Saturday morning's undergraduate commencement ceremony. Historian and best-selling author Neil Howe talked about the vast differences between the robed graduates and their parents. Considered an expert on the generations, he told the Millennial Generation graduates that they'll never be like their Baby Boomer and Gen X parents – and that they are and will be equipped with everything they'll need to cope with the challenges

that surely will arise in their lifetimes.

The author of *Millennials Rising* told the graduates, "That is [your] destiny, to rescue this country from the mess to which we, the older generations, have contributed – perhaps a bit more than we ever intended – and in so doing to become a great generation indeed."

*[Read more of Howe's talk in Closing Column, page 60.]*

Shawn Boyer, founder and chief executive officer of SnagAJob.com, spoke at the University of Mary Washington graduate commencement ceremony on Friday, May 11, at the William M. Anderson Center. The 2008 National Small Business Person of the Year said that creating a personal statement based on core values has helped him lead a more fulfilling life. He recommended that



Historian and author Neil Howe



UMW awarded more than 960 bachelor's degrees and more than 220 master's degrees during the 101st UMW Commencement, May 11 and 12. At left, Dean of Student Life Cedric Rucker '81 helps graduates prepare for Saturday's undergraduate ceremony. Far left, excitement builds as eager students process down Campus Walk. Below, a graduate finds art on a mortar board. Below left, a brand new alumna displays her UMW diploma.



graduates define their own core values, set goals, and choose positive peers.

"Most of us don't think about our life plans as much as our business plans," Boyer said.

Interim Provost Ian Newbould, the University's chief academic officer, opened Saturday's ceremony. President Hurley; **Daniel K. Steen '84**, rector of the Board of Visitors; and Class President **Nicholas A. DeSarno '12** offered their welcomes. DeSarno recognized the many unnamed people



Entrepreneur Shawn Boyer

whose support and sacrifice helped students become graduates, applauded his fellow graduates' hard work, and recognized the countless shared moments, the sum of which are the "inexorable bond" of Mary Washington alumni.

"Right here at Ball Circle

most of us have some special memory. From Devil-Goat Day to celebrations and cookouts, or simply tossing a Frisbee," DeSarno said. "We are all going to miss the amount of time we spent with friends or playing a collegiate sport, lazy afternoons bench-sitting on Campus Walk, and the satisfaction of getting a good grade in a hard class."

At the ceremony's beginning, the University Philharmonic played *Pomp and Circumstance* as the students and faculty processed onto Ball Circle. Strings and horns gave way to pipes and drums as the Eagle Pipe Band struck up the processional for the BOV, the cabinet, and then the President.

With the sun high in the sky, awards and honors presented, and the last diploma given, it was time again for music. **Mary Elizabeth Herdman '12** and **Melodie Ann Stehling '12** led the *Alma Mater* as the graduates and faculty sang along.

The Eagle Pipe Band led the recessional. Caps flew, diplomas unfurled, and graduates embraced those who came to celebrate their considerable achievement: graduation from the University of Mary Washington. 🏡



Clockwise from left: Friends and family snap photos in front of Lee Hall as Saturday's undergraduate ceremony gets under way. The UMW Philharmonic Orchestra plays *Pomp and Circumstance* as students, faculty, administrators, and dignitaries process to Ball Circle. A proud mother drapes chains of orchids around the neck of a graduate after Friday night's ceremony. A commencement kiss. At bottom right, President Richard V. Hurley presides over commencement in full regalia, including the Presidential Collar, a gold chain that features symbols of Mary Washington, and Hurley's Washington Medallion.



## By the Numbers

The University of Mary Washington awarded these degrees in May:

- 463** bachelor of arts
- 379** bachelor of science
- 102** master of education
- 80** bachelor of professional studies
- 73** master of business administration
- 41** bachelor of liberal studies
- 30** master of science in elementary education
- 21** master of science in management information systems

Five professors were given emeritus status:

- Ernest Ackermann** – Professor Emeritus of Computer Science
- Edward Hegmann** – Director Emeritus of Athletics and Professor Emeritus of Athletics, Health, and Physical Education
- David MacEwen** – Professor Emeritus of Psychology
- Stephen Watkins** – Professor Emeritus of English
- Marsha Zaidman** – Associate Professor Emerita of Computer Science







UMW Board of Visitors Rector Daniel K. Steen reads the Board resolution awarding Ed Hegmann (right) the Washington Medallion.

## Hegmann Wins Again

Just before his 36-year Mary Washington tenure came to an official close, Athletic Director Ed Hegmann captured yet another victory – the Washington Medallion.

The school's most prestigious honor, the medallion is reserved for individuals whose extraordinary service has had a lasting impact on the University. Board of Visitors Rector **Daniel K. Steen '84** and President Hurley presented the award during the May 12 commencement ceremony. In his remarks, Steen noted the extraordinary influence Hegmann has had on generations of students.

Hegmann joined Mary Washington in 1976 as the school's first athletic director. Since then, he's scored big for UMW, playing an integral role in shaping its ever-improving athletics and athletic facilities. The Pittsburgh native expanded the UMW program from six sports to 23 – with 22 of those making national championships. He catapulted UMW into the nation's top Division III play.

"Ed Hegmann has left an indelible mark on the University," President Hurley said. "He will be sorely missed but remembered for his contributions to the success of our athletic program for years to come."

Hegmann took his spot in UMW's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999, the same year he received his second recognition as NCAA Division III National Coach of the Year; the first came in 1988. During his 23 years as director of women's tennis, he was an eight-time Capital Athletic Conference Coach of the Year and led the team to three national championships. Before he retired as tennis coach in 1999, he also snagged nine consecutive CAC championships. In 2010, he was named to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Women's Collegiate Tennis Hall of Fame.

Hegmann led and oversaw the development of the Battleground Athletic Complex, the Fitness Center, the Indoor Tennis Center, and the William M. Anderson Center, which opened last year.

## High Praise

UMW presented its top honors during the May 11 and May 12 commencement ceremonies.



The **Colgate W. Darden Jr. Award** is presented to the student with the highest grade-point average in the four-year undergraduate program.

**Dorothy M. Sandridge** of Charlottesville, Va.



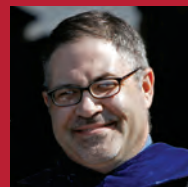
The **Grellet C. Simpson Award** generally is given to a senior faculty member for excellence in undergraduate teaching.

**Dawn S. Bowen '86**, professor of geography



The **UMW Alumni Association Outstanding Young Faculty Member Award** is presented to an exceptional member of the faculty who has served the institution for at least two but no more than five years.

**Rosemary K. Jesionowski**, assistant professor of art



The **Mary W. Pinschmidt Award**, selected by the graduating class, goes to the faculty member students feel they will most likely remember as the professor who had the greatest impact on their lives.

**Gary N. Richards**, assistant professor of English



The **Graduate Faculty Award** is presented to a faculty member who has demonstrated excellence in graduate teaching and professional leadership in a graduate program. The recipient must have worked full time at the University for at least two years.

**Mukesh Srivastava**, associate professor of management systems

The **Washington Medallion**  
**Ed Hegmann** (See story, left.)





## Sabrina Johnson

By Lisa Chinn '92

At one point in her career, Sabrina Johnson was well on her way to the bench.

In the early '90s, she earned a law degree, passed the bar, worked for Alexandria Circuit Court, and had aspirations of becoming a juvenile court judge.

Luckily for Mary Washington, Johnson's personal and professional life had come to a turning point, and she felt it was in her family's best interest to move. She took a job as a counselor with the Department of Employee Relations in Richmond, and her career turned away from the courtroom.

October will mark 15 years since Johnson joined the UMW team. As associate vice president for human resources and affirmative action-equal employment opportunity officer, she deals with issues involving personnel policy and employment laws; handles concerns and complaints from employees and students; provides management consultation; and heads an eight-person staff. While juggling all this, she tries to stay ahead of issues that might crop up.

"You know what it feels like sometimes? A minefield. It can be mentally exhausting," said Johnson.

Johnson never looks tired. But don't let her polished appearance and proficiency at her fast-paced position fool you. She likes to kick off her shoes now and then. "I'm known for my heels. What folks don't know is that there are times when I just kick them off and walk barefoot around campus," said the woman who *only* carries purses large enough to accommodate her pumps.

Johnson's workday starts when she opens her eyes to her blinking Blackberry. She answers emails while she gets dressed.

At her office, she works to classical music in the morning, jazz in the afternoon. When she's there late, she depends on the movie *The Count of Monte Cristo* to keep her on track. "If it plays through twice," she said, "it's time for me to go home."

Johnson earned a bachelor's degree in administration of justice and public safety and a master's in public administration from Virginia Commonwealth University. Her doctorate is from the College of William and Mary's Marshall-Wythe School of Law. While earning the law degree, the single mother was raising daughter Rena, now 28, and son Ronald, 26. Thanks to her five siblings, she wasn't alone.

"I had lots of help," she said. "I have a phenomenal family – large but very close."

Johnson's past titles include director of residence education at VCU, where she also taught dance, and



Doug Buerlein

executive director of the Richmond Black Student Foundation. She's been on the Virginia Council on Human Resources since Gov. Mark Warner appointed her in 2004.

But her proudest professional achievement, she said, is earning that law degree. "It represents to me what I can find within myself."

**What do you love most about UMW?** *I love being part of the educational community because it's so important. I'm into education and what it does to help people grow.*

**What would you change about Mary Washington?** *I would give us more resources to do what we do well and to develop the staff. I'd push everybody's salaries up 15 to 20 percent. I'd definitely have more diversity in these classrooms and in key places on the staff.*

**How would you describe yourself?** *Ever evolving, ever seeking, optimistic, adventuresome.*

**What motivates you?** *My concern for my impact on others. I'm motivated by trying to find the highest good to define the right outcome. We're responsible for eventualities. We don't operate in a vacuum.*

**What inspires you?** *Knowing there is something bigger than me and finding comfort in that. I'm also inspired by words of wisdom. They can come from any source.*

**What matters most to you?** *My kids. They're just solidly good people and I look up to them, but I'm still in the mode of trying to be a role model.*

**What do you enjoy doing?** *Being in the company of close friends, listening to music, being outdoors, traveling, reading. I love the mountains, the beach, camping. Downtime.*

**What are you afraid of?** *Not being able to find the courage within myself to take on something new, to stretch. It's scary for me to think I might look back and realize I didn't.*

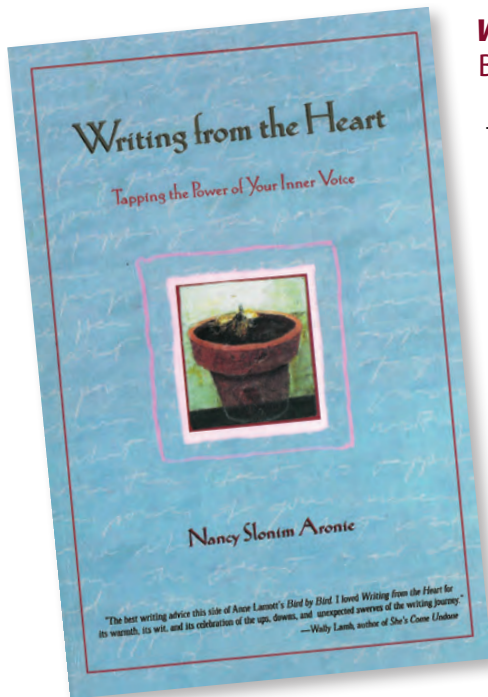
**What keeps you awake at night?** *Concern that something I've done has put something inappropriate in motion.*

**What one thing would people be surprised to learn about you?** *I'm actually very shy. I think people would be surprised that I consider myself an introvert.*

**What are you reading right now?** *Amy Chua's *World on Fire*, John Grisham, Wayne Dyer. I usually have two or three going. Eat, Pray, Love is a constant.* 📖



## Books by Alumni



### ***Writing From the Heart: Tapping the Power of Your Inner Voice*** By Nancy Slonim Aronie '63

This enduring guide, now in its seventh printing, presents creative writing as a path to self-healing, encouraging writers to search their souls and take risks. *Writing From the Heart* grants individuals permission to tell their own stories in their own voices, using their own styles.

The book, originally published in 1998, provides inspirational exercises and methods for overcoming writer's blocks, and includes chapters like "Before you knew everything, everything was new" and "Are you there, gut? It's me, Margaret."

Aronie promotes a "safe" creative environment that urges writers to let go of the red-pen discipline they learned in the classroom and gives them freedom to trust their own creativity.

"If you feel safe, you can do anything," Aronie said on the website for the Chilmark Writing Workshop she founded in 1986 on Martha's Vineyard, where she lives with her husband. "Here is where we stop the inner critic in his tracks. I know it's possible because I have seen it happen...over and over again."

Wally Lamb, author of the Oprah's Book Club choice *She's Come Undone*, said of Aronie's book, "I loved *Writing From the Heart* for its warmth, its wit, and its celebration of the ups, downs, and unexpected swerves of the writing journey."

Aronie has taught at Harvard University, written a column for *McCall's* magazine, and been a commentator for National Public Radio's *All Things Considered*.

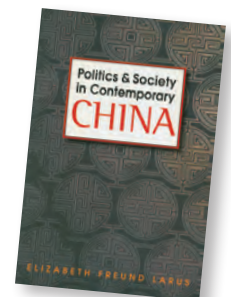
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## Books by Faculty

### ***Politics & Society in Contemporary China***

By Elizabeth Freund Larus, professor of political science and international affairs

The text uses a detailed account of the modern history of China and the changes that have occurred throughout the past 60 years to put into context current Chinese politics and society.

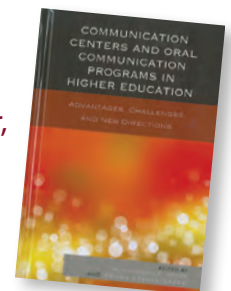


*Published by Lynne Rienner Publishers, February 2012*

### ***Communication Centers and Oral Communication Programs in Higher Education: Advantages, Challenges, and New Directions***

Edited by Eunkyong "Esther" L. Yook, UMW Speaking Center and Korea Program director, and Wendy Atkins-Sayre

This collection examines the growth and development of the centers that support communication courses and programs as they become more prevalent in higher education.



*Published by Lexington Books, February 2012*



## Get the Picture?

The Spring 2012 edition of *Get the Picture* featured a photo of a student working at a bulky computer terminal in Combs Hall in the '80s. *UMW Magazine* asked readers to help match a name to the "mustachioed user."

**Cheryl Little Sutton '87** wrote to identify the student as **William "Bill" R. Waller '84** and said she had forwarded the photo to Bill, who confirmed it.

**James S. Miller Jr. '84** also recognized Bill, his former roommate, with whom he lived in Westmoreland Hall sophomore year and in Hamlet House senior year.

Finally, we heard from the mustachioed man himself. Bill thanked us for the "blast from the past."

Our pleasure, Bill, and thanks to all for writing!



## Give It Your Best Shot!

Mary Washington's first major art exhibit opened in 1956 in conjunction with the inauguration of Grellet C. Simpson as chancellor. Organized by Professor of Art Emeritus Julien Binford and featuring 50 works from New York dealers, the show became an annual event.

Art students were asked to study – and sometimes copy – the works on display, and the debut exhibit sparked the tradition of student participation in mounting the show.

***Do you recognize this young art student who posed with a painting outside Melchers Hall in 1958?***

If you know her, please send an email with *Get the Picture* in the subject line to [ntrenis@umw.edu](mailto:ntrenis@umw.edu), or comment online at [magazine.umw.edu](http://magazine.umw.edu).

You may also write to:

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## UMW in Trans\*ition

By Kristin Davis  
Photos by Norm Shafer

Charles Girard co-founded the Gender Neutral Housing Project and was active in PRISM at UMW. This summer, he is an intern with the Human Rights Campaign.

The University of Mary Washington stood in virtual silence when **Charles Girard '12** first arrived for a campus tour in April 2008.

The University was on the high school senior's short list of prospective colleges, and that visit was all he needed to make a decision. He showed up on the day of UMW's annual National Day of Silence, an observance by schools and campuses around the country to draw attention to the harassment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) students.

"I was walking with my dad around campus," Girard recalled. "I thought, 'I should go here.'"

Girard, who was born female but identifies as a male, grew up outside Charlottesville with a twin brother. He did not always identify as a male, but as a teenager he began to question his identity.

"On my first day of college, I introduced myself to my college roommate as Charlie," Girard said. At age 20, he began taking hormones that deepened his voice.

As far as Girard knows, he is the first "out" transgender student at Mary Washington. He was still a freshman when he became involved with PRISM – People for the Rights of Individuals of Sexual Minorities – and he quickly made his mark.

At the freshman's first PRISM meeting, he asked why UMW lacked a gender-neutral housing policy. The group asked Girard to draft one, and that fall the University approved the document. The Gender-Neutral Housing Project, of which Girard was co-founder and president, was under way by the start of the 2009-2010 school year.

The project gives students who may feel uneasy in a traditional residence hall a comfortable place to go. GNH rooms are gender neutral but not sex neutral, which means people can live with those of different gender identities but not of different birth-assigned sexes. This is the first step in a multi-step process that ultimately may allow students to live together in dorm rooms regardless of birth-assigned sex.

"They are working on making them sex neutral," Girard said. "We don't have exactly what we need, but we're far above other Virginia colleges and universities."

As an undergraduate, Girard spent his free time promoting diversity on campus, which earned him a Human Rights Campaign Scholarship in fall 2010.

He worked diligently for UMW PRISM. Equality Virginia, an organization that promotes equality for LGBT people, had him speak about campus activism at its

statewide conference.

"I had a lot of help along the way from faculty, staff, professors, and other PRISM members. The club is what it is because of such strong leadership from past executive boards. They paved the way," Girard said.

The work paid off. In 2011, Mary Washington earned four out of five stars on the Campus Climate Index, meaning the University offers sexual and gender minorities a high quality-of-life experience. Campus Pride, a nonprofit group that promotes safe college environments for LGBT students, publishes the ratings.



At the UMW Research and Creativity Symposium, Girard presents research on the transgender community and its presence on Tumblr.

"Mary Washington has been wonderful," Girard said, with "a huge ally population."

After graduating in May with a bachelor's degree in American studies and a concentration in gender and sexuality, Girard headed to Northern Virginia, where he is spending the summer as an intern with the Human Rights Campaign. And City Year, an education-focused branch of AmeriCorps, has selected him to spend a year working with high-risk students.

When Girard first came to UMW, he dreamed of someday working with transgender youth and college campus outreach. And today, he's doing just that.





## Scenes From Reunion Weekend 2012



Reunion Weekend 2012 was a record-breaker! Scores of alumni from classes ending in 2s and 7s reveled in the nostalgia of returning to campus, and attendance topped that of any reunion in Mary Washington history. In addition to great weather, grads enjoyed Alumni College classes taught by UMW professors, a fun-in-the-sun reunion picnic, and special class gatherings. Also on tap were campus tours, wine-tasting, trolley trips to Carl's for Fredericksburg's famous frozen custard, an All-Class Party featuring dance band DC Fusion, activities for the tots, a chance to chat with President Richard V. Hurley and first lady Rose Hurley, and much more.





## Outstanding Young Alumnus Award

### Allison N. Seay '02



Photos by Bill Petros

Allison N. Seay '02

The résumé of **Allison N. Seay '02** reads like pure poetry.

She won this year's Lexi Rudnitsky First Book Prize in Poetry for her collection, *To See the Queen*, and last year's Ruth Lilly Poetry Fellowship. She's also won an Academy of American Poets prize, a Dorothy Sargent Rosenberg award, and Virginia Center for the Creative Arts fellowships.

In recognition of her successes, Seay received the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award, reserved for a recent graduate who's either distinguished herself in her profession or contributed significantly to Mary Washington. As UMW's Arrington Poet-in-Residence last semester, Seay falls into both categories.

Her work has been accepted for publication in *Crazyhorse*, *Meridian*, *Arts and Academe*, *Pleiades*, *Poetry*, *Harvard Review*, *Mississippi Review*, *The Southern Review*, and *Mid-American Review*.

*To See the Queen*, also a semi-finalist for Tupelo Press' 2011 First/Second Book Award, is to be published in April 2013.

A Richmond native, Seay majored in English at Mary Washington and earned a master of fine arts in poetry in 2005 from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where she served as assistant director of the MFA writing program and associate editor of *The Greensboro Review*. She also taught poetry there and at Lynchburg College.

## Distinguished Alumnus Award

### Nellie Linn King '92



Nellie Linn King '92

**Nellie Linn King '92** has defended the accused for more than 15 years. The owner of The Law Offices of Nellie L. King in West Palm Beach, Fla., she handles cases involving allegations of drunk driving, domestic battery, aggravated felony, and murder.

Lauded by colleagues for her leadership and volunteerism, she is president of the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. The 2,000-member organization, known as "Liberty's Last Champion," promotes

the administration, knowledge, and integrity of criminal defense.

For her contributions to her profession and community, she received the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

King, who previously worked as assistant public defender in Palm Beach County and Circuit Courts, is a founding member of the county's Women's Foundation. She belongs to such organizations as the Florida Association of Women Lawyers and Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission. She also is a member of UMW's Alumni Board of Directors.

An international relations major, King belonged to Mary Washington's Pi Sigma Alpha political science honor society and was a four-year member of the Honor Council, serving as president her junior and senior years.

King earned a J.D. at Nova Southeastern University law school in South Florida in 1996. She lives in Palm Beach County with husband Carl Schaefer, son George, and daughter Virginia.

## Frances Liebenow

### Armstrong '36 Service Award

### Phyllis "Bee" Melillo Shanahan '55

For years, **Phyllis "Bee" Melillo Shanahan '55** was UMW's Long Island liaison. In New York, she represented her alma mater at college fairs, hosted receptions for accepted students, and helped with admissions recruitment.

For her enduring commitment to promoting Mary Washington, Shanahan received this year's Frances Liebenow Armstrong '36 Service Award, which recognizes alumni for the longevity, consistency, and breadth of their contributions.

Shanahan has served on the Alumni Association Board of Directors. She tirelessly gathered and submitted her classmates' news for publication in *University of Mary Washington Magazine*, serving as Class Agent for a decade, from 1965 to 1975. She's a longtime Reunion Weekend volunteer, along with her late husband, John, who was awarded "honorary alumnus" status for his enthusiasm and support of his wife's service to her alma mater.

During their 52-year marriage, the couple traveled extensively in Europe. Upon John's retirement, they moved to their former summer cottage in East Haven, Conn., near the shore, and wintered in their Deerfield Beach, Fla., condominium.

Formerly director of the cooperative Northport Nursery School in New York, Shanahan has three children, Patrick, Elizabeth, and John II.



Phyllis "Bee" Melillo Shanahan '55



# Reunion Weekend 2012



Photos by Terry Cosgrove and Bill Petros (no. 5)

- 1 During Reunion Weekend 2012, Assistant Professor of Art and Art History Rosemary Jesionowski (left) gets her art on for a hands-on Alumni College class she taught on silkscreening, with (left to right) **Nancy Kaiser '82**, Mary McElhone, and **Robert Sharp '00**.
- 2 Members of the Class of '67 (left to right) **Kathy Linehan Kitterman**, **Jean Saxon**, **Kathy Mullarkey Sheely**, and **Christine Brooks** strike a pose with UMW President Richard V. Hurley during the President's Welcome Reception.
- 3 At the Saturday-afternoon open house at the William M. Anderson Center, students (left to right) **Kacie Couch**, **Hitomi Sato**, **Kristin Hines**, **Ashley Gaston**, **Orlante "Tonto" Duncan**, and **Tim Goodloe** practice for when they become full-fledged Mary Washington alumni.
- 4 1997 classmates **Hilario Ellis** (right) and Clutter Cleaner owner **Matt Paxton**, a regular on the A&E television show *Hoarders*, catch up during Saturday's Reunion Picnic. Paxton presented the Saturday-morning session, *What's the Big Deal About Clutter?*
- 5 Class of '77 members (left to right) **Beth Craig**, **Theresa Young Crawley**, **Amy Krafft**, **Vicky Neilson**, and **Faith Lynch Johnson** light up the dance floor during Saturday night's All-Class Party.
- 6 Class of '57's **Lucy Burwell Meade**, **Vickie Majure Souder**, and **Betsy Jones Ware** look back at their wonderful time on campus.
- 7 The UMW Eagle makes some new Mary Washington friends on a trolley ride to Carl's for the Fredericksburg landmark's famous ice cream.

*Save the date! Show your school spirit and have a lot of fun – come back to campus for*

**Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 19 and 20.**



# Class Notes

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### Deadlines for Class Notes submissions:

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NOVEMBER 15	SPRING
MARCH 15	SUMMER
JULY 15	FALL/WINTER

1941

Lois Loehr Brown  
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**Myra McCormick Cole** of Temple, Texas, wrote that, at her age, physical activity is limited, but she uses her computer, crochets afghans, makes kitchen towels with crocheted hangers, walks to Wal-Mart, and does puzzles to keep her brain working. Several family members have moved to Tyler, Texas, so Myra was considering moving to an assisted living apartment there. Myra is grateful to her older daughter, who, knowing how much she still misses husband Harry after three years, had been staying with her, but she was to travel on business. Myra was in touch with **Dorothy Shaw** of Buffalo, N.Y.

Dorothy had to cancel plans to spend two weeks in Sussex, England, because her traveling companion was unable to go. Dorothy spent the winter at the same address she had when she was at Mary Washington and said that living is harder but nicer in the country. She planned to return in April to her cat and two Cardigan Welsh corgis. They were to be joined by the goats, and Dorothy hoped for kids in

May. She finds the midwife part scary, but the moment the little goats arrive and are healthy and active, she's happy to have them around. She is in the kennel club, goes to tai chi, plays with early music groups, and hosts a monthly "goat lovers" breakfast.

Dorothy remembered a close call I had returning from Europe years ago. My mother and I sailed from New York City on an Italian ocean liner in the summer of 1939. It was a wonderful cruise with overnight stops and tours at each port, including Boston, Spain, Gibraltar, and Italy. We traveled from our last stop, Trieste, by train to Budapest, where we stayed for most of the summer, and to Germany and Austria. At this point, my mother felt that all was not going well in Europe and, with great difficulty, was able to exchange our return tickets for an earlier sailing date on the same liner. How wise she was! No ships sailed from Europe after that date. The U.S. sent ships to rescue those stranded in Europe, and some of my friends were on one that was sunk by the Germans. I am thankful they survived.

1942

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1943

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1944

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I appreciate getting email from classmates and think we're still pretty active. One of my daughters and a friend made an apartment upstairs because they thought I shouldn't live

alone. There is nothing wrong with me except an aching back after long walks. I am in an exercise class, play bridge, am in a women's fellowship, and sing in the church choir. My grandson in Germany and his pretty German fiancée work with the handicapped. My granddaughter, his sister, has CP and has benefited from his knowledge. She is wheelchair bound but drives her chair and uses a small device to read, do math, and play games. I have two great-granddaughters, born last March and December.

**Libby Phillips Roe** and Bill live at Cokesbury Village near Wilmington, Del. Their three children hosted a party to honor Bill's 90th birthday; six grandchildren, ages 8 to 33, attended. Two granddaughters have doctorates, two are in college, and two are at Boys' Latin in Baltimore. Having married Libby's cousin, **Anna Roberts Ware** has lived near Libby for years. Anna hurt her right shoulder clipping greens for grave sprays during Christmas, but an injection helped tremendously. Her jonquils were blooming in January instead of March!

**Elizabeth Cumby Murray** moved in 2007 to a retirement facility, where she enjoys art classes, cooking, trivia, and movies. Elizabeth doesn't travel much but did get to the Cape with her daughter to see *The Artist*. She plays bridge and owns Murray's Toggery Shop, which her children, Trish and John, operate. **Ruth McDaniel Potts** has aches and pains, but her head is in peak condition. She plays bridge, is active in the Methodist church, crochets for Project Linus, and can't count how many blankets she's made! Her family was planning its annual beach week in North Carolina. Ruth is thankful for her Mary Washington experience and the friends and memories she made there.

**Mary Ellen Starkey** wishes for visitors to her roomy La Plata, Md., townhouse. Son Donny does well with his La Plata restaurant. His daughter and her husband had been in England for a year,

and they are expecting. Mary Ellen is also in touch with stepson Greg. **Isabel Hildrup Klein** likes her little brick house in a retirement community in Lumberton, N.C. She has her own kitchen, likes to cook, and rarely uses the dining room. Her two grandchildren are in the medical field. Robin works at the National Institutes of Health and husband Brad is in pharmaceuticals. Sean is a lawyer and wife Katie works in rehab.

**Hazel "Tommy" Strong** has had knee problems. She heard from **Joyce Hovey Madigan** and **Jane Brownley Thomas**, who also enjoy living in a retirement home. Losing her husband of 68 years was a blow for **Gena Loback Carswell**. They had moved to an apartment overlooking the Willamette River, but now she will move to a retirement home where several friends live.

**Virginia Hawley Butler** lives with her daughter and son-in-law, Bonnie and Duane. Their children and families live nearby, so Virginia enjoys her great-grandchildren. Virginia's other daughter, Sue Ellen, and husband John have three young grandchildren. Virginia is in touch with **Nettie Evans Lawrey**, with whom she roomed and majored in physical education, **Nancy Tucker**, and **Fran Tracy**. While at Mary Washington, Virginia became interested in Fran's church and mission work and admires her dedication.

1945

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1946

Patricia Mathewson Spring  
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1947

Betty Moore Drewry Bamman  
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I spent a week in February with my son, Harry, and family in Haines City, Fla. On my return

**Ruth McDaniel Potts '44** is in her third year crocheting for Project Linus and can't count how many blankets she's made.





flight, I sat next to **Jane Lee Whitehead '79** of Florida, who was going to visit her daughter in Lynchburg, Va. It was nice to meet her. Please keep me informed about what's going on in your life.

## 1948

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## 1949

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**Betty Bond Heller Nichols** said her knees are not so cooperative, but facile fingers still work and she was scheduled to play piano for three big Christmas sing-a-longs. That's our B.B.! Jane

river cruise from Paris through Germany. Her Christmas cards pictured a holiday-attired dog, Joe, from her kennel in Delaware. **Frances "Blackie" Horn Nygood** sent her greeting with an original poem, a message from her basset hounds, and a photo of puppies in a Christmas box. **Elizabeth "Betty" Fischer Gore's** card included a photo of her latest gingerbread house with gingerbread people and trees.

**Gwen Brubaker Connell** and husband Jack of Florida followed the Major League Baseball playoffs and rooted for the Cardinals to win in the World Series. **Katherine "Kate" Mayo Schmidt** followed the games from her Texas home and planned to spend the holidays with son Bill Jr. and wife Terri. **Elva Tate Hasher** of Mechanicsville, Va., anticipated going to daughter

Anna's house for the holidays.

**Dorothy "Dottie"**

**Desmond Helfrich**

observed her 84th birthday in Richmond.

With health

issues, she said, "It ain't much fun!" She's grateful she can drive to the grocery store and doctors' offices.

**Lucy Vance Gilmer** recapped day trips to North Carolina for Thanksgiving with the Gilmers, Historical Society conferences in Tennessee, and Bristol Historical Association meetings. She worked relentlessly to guarantee the great success of her Sullins College weekend reunion in September. As the eldest alumna present, Lucy gave a brief history of Sullins, which closed in 1976, with records transferred to King College. Lucy planned to have her brother and family in for Christmas.

**Anna "Andi" Dulany Lyons** visited her four sons and their families during the holidays. Andi keeps busy at The Summit and around Lynchburg, Va., and she gets together with **Marion "Wendy" Selfe Kelly**. No longer traveling, **Corinne "Conni" Conley Stuart** and husband

Bonar stayed in Toronto for the holidays. They had enjoyed summertime visits with both sons and their families, and they frequently Skype.

We heard that **Anne McCaskill Libis** and Claude are fine and that they spent the holidays with their children.

**Jean "Murph" Murphy Baptist** still drives and stays in her home with some help. Despite arthritis, she knits, plays bridge, and works crossword puzzles. She included corrections for two names in recent *Class Notes*. **Nancy Morris'** first husband was Tommy Childress, the surname we used in reporting her husband's passing, she said. However, they were divorced and Nancy later married John Ullman, and it was he who died last year. Sorry, Nancy, that our records weren't updated. Murph also said that **Virginia "Jinny" Merrill MacLeod's** husband, born Oliver Nelson MacLeod, so disliked his given name that he changed Oliver to John years ago. Mea culpa, Jinny!

In mid-January, **Betty Bond Heller Nichols** had knee surgery. Still in the hospital, the next morning she had a pulmonary embolism, was raced to ICU, then remained hospitalized until Jan. 31. On Feb. 10, she was rushed by ambulance to a Roanoke, Va., hospital for a ruptured appendix! B.B. finally returned home in mid-February and was trying to make sense of the events and doing her best to feel better.

Betty Bond's life-threatening experience, June underwent arthroscopic surgery and seemed to be recovering nicely. Before Christmas, she'd had her second cataract surgery.

**Elva Tate Hasher** sent an article about the UMW Dahlgren campus in King George County. Thinking of Elva's family home in King George reminded me of her parents. Elva's mother and father were named Truman and Dewey, respectively. In the fall of 1948, the two candidates, Harry S. Truman and Thomas E. Dewey, were running an extremely close race. As you may recall, an early morning edition of the *Chicago Tribune* headlined "Dewey Wins!" Leaving our first class in Chandler that November morning, we still can see **Kathryn Ann Carter** racing across campus from Madison, after hearing the latest radio reports, shouting, "Truman won!" And he did. Thanks to those who helped us compile the Fabulous Forty-Niners' class notes. Now, if you would really like to make us smile, tell us your news.

## 1950

Dorothy Held Gawley  
dnigawley@juno.com

**Rosemary Miller** of Michigan still plays in the symphony orchestra and sings in – and sometimes directs – the church choir. **Barbara Lloyd Hiller** and Jim of State College, Pa., stay close to home but attended the

annual family crab-eating Thanksgiving celebration in Ocean City, Md. She still provides her newsletter service for the Women's Club. A second great-granddaughter arrived in December. Granddaughter Stacy is

a freshman at Lock Haven University.

**Clelia Boushee Bullard's** grandson Ray, 26, received his

When **Gerry Boswell Griffin '50** and her daughter visited their former Arlington, Va., home, the new residents gave them peonies from stock Gerry's dad planted years ago. Gerry placed them on her parents' gravesite in Arlington National Cemetery.

**June Davis McCormick** heard B.B.'s story the day before seeing an orthopedic surgeon about severe knee pain. With the added trepidation triggered by

**Charlotte "Chot" Baylis Rixon** and husband Fred of New Jersey enjoy their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Chot enjoys bridge, mahjong, women's club, and AAUW. She oil paints in Florida in winter, and enjoys their Ocean City, Md., beach house in summer. Though she has made new friends, she said nothing matches the strong ties made in those four Mary Washington years, especially between the BFFs – Betty Bond, Jane, Chot, and **Dorothy "Dotty" Booker Pinkham!**

**Dolores "Dee" Ross** took a

wings in December to fly F-18s and is stationed at Oceana in Virginia Beach. **Beverly Youngs Robinson** lives in a Newport News, Va., retirement home. She frequently visits her son and his family – including five grandchildren – in Scotland and took a side trip to Barcelona. She reads, knits, and plays bridge, which her mother said she majored in at Mary Washington. **Garland “Dorsey” Estes McCarthy** stays busy as garden club president and hoped to walk the beach in Galveston, Texas, on Christmas.

**Patti Head Ferguson** is recovering after being in NYC hospitals and nursing homes most of 2011 due to back problems. She advanced to a walker, was to spend time in Jamaica for sun and swimming before Christmas, and planned to spend the holiday in Washington, D.C., and Maryland with all the family – a rare treat. **Virginia Hardy Vance** was recuperating from a fall and cataract surgeries. **Betty Gavett Breeden** still mends library books and sings in two choirs. She was church organist/choir director for three months and is the church secretary’s proofreader.

**Billie Mitchell Hanes** and Dick love their three-story home on the dune in Virginia Beach, but it was built when they were young and strong, and they planned to move across the street to a one-story home. Billie had extensive back surgery in the spring followed by fractured ribs and then an arterial blockage near her heart. Four of their eight grandchildren had finished college, three were in college, and one was finishing high school.

**Juney Morris** was hospitalized for a bleeding ulcer and **Marcy Weatherly Morris** had two cataract surgeries. They have 11 great-grandchildren. Marcy and Juney attended the UMW presidential inauguration of Richard V. Hurley and said the ceremony and the ball were impressive.

**Gerry Boswell Griffin** and daughter Judy took a nostalgic May trip to their old home in Arlington, Va. The family who

## Nights With Mrs. Bushnell Led to *Days of Our Lives*

Corinne “Conni” Conley Stuart ‘49 learned at an early age to fib when adults asked her what she wanted to be when she grew up.

She’d tell them she wanted to be a journalist. It sounded respectable, and no one snickered when she answered that way.

But Stuart really wanted to be an actress. She can’t remember a time when she did not feel drawn to the stage or to the stories on the radio. (There was no TV when Stuart was a child.)

“I guess I was a little bit of a show-off,” she said.

Stuart was born in New York, lived for a time in Biloxi, Miss., and then settled in Radford, Va., where her father worked for Hercules Powder Co. manufacturing munitions during “the war years.” Stuart graduated from high school in Radford at 15 and headed to Mary Washington, selected because her older sister had attended the all-women’s college.

“I had never been away from home, never even went to summer camp,” Stuart recalled. “It was a great place for me to go. At that time, it was a little more sedate, restricted. It was kind of good for me to start gradually in the world.”

During her freshman year, Stuart auditioned for a dance band and got the part of the girl singer. The gig kept her out until past 11 p.m. lights-out, so Stuart would creep in quietly, always with a box of goodies from the dance. “We’d have to turn on our flashlights to see the prizes I had for everyone.”

Stuart, who studied speech and dramatic arts, remembers revues and assemblies put on by the students, but she didn’t need a stage to entertain. She would don a long blue robe and a bathing cap and on the way to the shower would “bellow” *Into My Life Some Rain Must Fall*. She did the number for a dorm Christmas show, attended by the often-mentioned Mrs. Nina Bushnell, dean of women.

Mrs. Bushnell, Stuart recalled, “was quite severe at times, quite a proper lady.” Stuart picked up her sense of drama from Mrs. Bushnell and has carried it with her for more than 60 years.



**Corinne Conley Stuart** played Phyllis Anderson on TV’s *Days of Our Lives* for nearly a decade. Her long acting career includes parts on hit series like *CHiPs*, *That Girl*, and *The New Dick Van Dyke Show*, plus voice work, including the role of Rudolph’s mother in the classic 1964 film *Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer*.

After graduation, Stuart got a job in Paul Green’s outdoor drama *The Common Glory* in Williamsburg. Then she traveled to New York City, where she joined The National Classic Theatre, a Shakespearean company that performed in high schools and colleges all over the country. There, Stuart met her husband, Bonar Stuart, from Montreal. That’s where they headed when the tour ended, and Stuart went right to work performing at Mountain Playhouse, in a radio soap opera, and in live television shows and sketches. She won the Canadian Broadcasting talent show *Opportunity Knocks*. And she landed on Broadway in Robertson Davies’ *Love and Libel*.

There were variety and comedy shows in Hollywood, and lots of voice work, including *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* in 1964; Stuart provided the voice of Rudolph’s mother. She played Phyllis Anderson in *Days of Our Lives* for nearly a decade. Stuart is in her 80s now. She recently had a role in *Haven*, a Canadian TV series based on a Stephen King novel. She wrapped up a movie called *Old Stock* this spring. The auditions keep her sharp, she said. And she plans to keep doing all she ever wanted to do “as long as they’ll have me.”

– Kristin Davis





now lives there showed them through the house and gave them a bouquet of peonies (descendants of those Gerry's dad planted years ago). Gerry placed them at her parents' gravesite in Arlington National Cemetery. They later visited the Mary Washington campus. Gerry hadn't been back since our 30th reunion and was impressed by the new buildings.

**Nan Riley Pointer** and Joe took a river cruise from Amsterdam to Vienna last summer. Nan is vice president/spiritual life director for the ecumenical Christian service organization International Order of the King's Daughters and Sons.

**Barbara Cable Field** passed away in January. She taught high school French in Gloucester, Va.; led student trips to France, Belgium, Switzerland, and England; and loved Paris and French culture.

Sadly, two other classmates passed away. **Barbara Birkenmeyer Mader** had pulmonary fibrosis for two years, but her death was a shock. **Gracia Plyley Kather** suffered from a neurological disease. I had a nice chat with husband Rudy, who commented on Gracia's love of Mary Washington. Our sympathy goes to the families.

## 1951

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**Frances Chesson Lacamera** of St. Petersburg, Fla., and husband Frank, who is retired, have been married 57 years. Their three sons live nearby on Florida's west coast. Their daughter lives near Manchester, England, but gets home yearly. They have seven grandchildren.

**Lois Bellamy Martin Strode** of Norfolk, Va., was widowed, remarried, and lives with Hil Strode in a retirement community. She is active at church, volunteers as a literacy tutor, and is on the community library committee. She enjoys her three children and their spouses and children. Two of her grandchildren live in San

Francisco and New Zealand. Lois wondered about **Brooke Woods**, **Patricia Doorly**, and **Jane Millar**.

**Peggy Walsh** lives in the Sun Rose senior living facility in Glen Cove, N.Y.

**Ruth DeMiller Hill** has two great-granddaughters in Wyoming. Her oldest granddaughter in Ohio is engaged and planned to marry after Thanksgiving. Ruth's son, Bill, has taught at Eastside High School for 34 years and sponsors its Indiana-state-award-winning chess club.

Ruth said that **Betsy Fletcher Adams** reported the death of **Vicky Wallace Blitz '52**, who roomed with **Winnie Horton Brock** sophomore year. Sherrie Brock, Winnie's youngest daughter, whom many met at our 50th reunion, married a fellow missionary in February. **Nancy Gass '52**, who ate at Ruth's table in Seacobeck, is well and was beginning a busy season of tax preparation. **Cynthia Medley England** is well in Naples, Fla. Ruth heard from **Virginia Orkney Philbrick '52** and **Nancy Stump Motley '52** and reunited with **Pam Roberts Cassel '54** of Martha's Vineyard, whose husband recently died.

**Lorraine Frantz Foulds** couldn't be at our June 2011 reunion but was doing well when I talked to her afterward. Recently, though, her number was disconnected and a card was returned. If anyone has information, please let me know.

Take care of yourselves and enjoy life. My best to all of you.

## 1952

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## 1953

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One of **Carolyn Keck Redic's** daughters was a June bride in Carolyn's backyard bower, marrying a man she met at his mother's yard sale. Quote from the bride: "You never know what you'll find at these sales." Another

daughter flew to Fargo, N.D., with Carolyn to celebrate Carolyn's 80th birthday.

**Barbara White Ramer** lived in Fredericksburg, attended Mary Washington freshman and sophomore years, transferred, and earned a master's from U.Va. She spent 45 years in Fredericksburg as a teacher and guidance director and started a school for emotionally disturbed children. She moved to Roswell, Ga., to be near her daughter and two teenage grandsons. As assistant director of a small private school, she works with students with learning differences. Barbara has fond memories of Fredericksburg and Mary Washington. Her relatives attended, probably in the

shared her home with younger son Chris and his pit bull.

To celebrate her 79th year, **Irene Maliaros Mathas** traveled to Greece with son Ted, president and board chairman of New York Life, who had to be in Athens for an international conference, and his family. Later she traveled with son Tom and his family to Huntington Beach, Calif. Her sons hosted a November family reunion for her 80th. **Barbara McFarland Carper** and husband John joined them.

**Deigh Renn Simpson** prefers to think of 80 as "four score" and celebrated her birthday with a sleepover with a dozen women, a backyard fire, music, food, and the harmonious sharing of a

single bathroom. She still lives in the small cottage by the river, where she grew up, and the annual get-togethers remind her of Marye. For a nostalgic kick, she suggests seeing Julia Roberts in *Mona Lisa Smile*, a virtual visit to a women's college in the early '50s. Deigh planned to see **Barbara Faxon**

**Stout** and husband Hal.

**Ginny Bailes** will likely be harvesting from her garden when you read this. She celebrated her nephew's February birthday in South Carolina and still hears from old roommates **Kitty Obenshain** and **Betty Buck**. (Kitty and Betty, will you please put me on your correspondence list?)

**Peggy Hopkins Johnson** and her sister spend weeks on the Keys in February and March. She loves her condo, with great people and activities. **Nancy Melton Miller** broke her leg, and her daughter and son-in-law welcomed her to their home and were spoiling her, waiting on her hand and foot. Having Nancy as a dear friend is one of the great blessings of my life!

My son Matt and his family arrived for an overnight visit in

**Deigh Renn Simpson '53** celebrated her birthday with a 12-woman sleepover, a backyard fire, music, food, and the harmonious sharing of a single bathroom in the small cottage by the river where she grew up. The annual get-togethers remind her of Marye.

late '20s and '30s; her aunt was in charge of the dining hall while we were there; her dad owned Santee Restaurant; and she enjoyed working with Mary Washington student teachers as head of Walker-Grant Middle School's science department. **Nell McCoy Savopoulos** wrote about the typical doctors' appointments and medications. **Ginny Kinniburgh** and John are delighted they moved to Falcons Landing 11 years ago. Ginny had gall bladder surgery but was feeling great. She still directs the choir, and John's photography keeps him involved with the *Falcons Landing News*. They met **Kitty Garland Obenshain** and husband Ray in New Smyrna Beach, Fla., for a January lunch at their condo overlooking the ocean.

Since husband John died last year, **Honey Kerrins Friel** and her tiny terrier-Chihuahua mix have

February just as snowflakes began to fall. Well before dark, we had about 6 inches! Matt had brought four sleds and had a ball with the four kids. I talked with **Garnett Bell Crawford** after our Madison was accepted at Salisbury University, on which she was set after learning about their great education program.

In April, our daughter, Lindsey, was to marry a great guy on the patio at Keswick. The next day our extended family was to celebrate Bub's and my 60th anniversary and my 80th birthday with lunch together and an evening with a popular Charlottesville band. Bub and I planned a bus-group trip to Gettysburg and later an extended tour of the Canadian Rockies. Our granddaughter was to graduate high school and our first great-grandchild was due to arrive in Richmond in July!

It's neat to get your messages! I wish I were more computer literate, but I do my best with help from a husband who spent his career dealing with the monsters.

1954

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1955

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Thanks to all who wrote. It's nice to hear from those who don't use computers, as I still have mixed feelings about mine.

Fran and **Sally Hanger Moravitz**'s home was spared during a microburst last summer, but trees fell and they ended up with lots of firewood. Their son, Mike, received a doctorate in history last May. One of their grandchildren was a UMW freshman. Sally's niece and her family visited from Sweden, and she and Fran went to Portland, Maine. They traveled to Puerto Rico and kayaked, hiked, snorkeled, and night swam in the bioluminescent bay. Sally attended a Friends of Dance fundraising concert at UMW's Dodd Auditorium. She and Fran stayed

with **Ann Strickler Doumas**, and the granddaughters of both Sally and Ann joined them for dinner and the concert. Sally saw many Sacred Dance Guild friends and said those who are UMW graduates worked hard to put the concert together.

**Anne Lou Rohrbach Culwell** of Oklahoma took an October bus tour through the Smoky Mountains and saw a lot! She has four grandchildren, about 16 greats, and a great-great-grandson, Jax, was born the day after Thanksgiving. Ann still works but planned to visit London and travel through the Chunnel.

Sally Wysong Puckett '55 still lives on 10 acres in Pylesville, Md., and mows eight acres.

**Bee Melillo Shanahan** said John had always brought her coffee and sometimes breakfast in bed, paid bills, and pumped gas, and she was adjusting to doing these things herself. During Hurricane Irene, daughter Betsy and her spouse helped when the cellar flooded, ruining everything inside. She looked forward to going to Florida after Christmas. Hang in there, Bee! **Mary-Margaret Papstein Carter** invited **Mary Kate Bird Dellett** of Arizona to lunch at her winter home in Scottsdale. Mary Kate was in the middle of the busy tax season; she volunteers to prepare taxes for the elderly. She took time off to fly back to Oregon to see oldest daughter Katherine receive Oregon State University's distinguished alumni award. Her daughter also gave a speech about her work as assistant secretary of the Army. **Carole Kolton Bryson**, who related the sad news of Harry's death in February, was coping and keeping up with activities. Long ago, she started a book about the days at Mary Washington and thought she might get back to writing that. **Dotty Booth Sanders** and Dewey travel a lot so he can run marathons. He had run 58, with more planned this year. She's the

cheerleader and driver and said it's hard enough to drive the 26.2 miles much less run them.

**Jim and Jackie Whitehurst Hertz** had a tough year. Jim was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and had bypass surgery. Jackie had been caring for him when she was diagnosed with cancer. She had extensive surgery at Johns Hopkins in October, and received follow-up chemo and radiation. Jim was in assisted living while she recuperated.

Ann Strickler Doumas and Bill took a Caribbean cruise on the *Queen Mary 2* during the holidays. They enjoyed the sights and warm temperatures

but came home with cracking coughs. She likes *University of Mary Washington Magazine* and said each issue gets slicker. She and Bill

attended inauguration events for Richard V. Hurley, and Ann made sure the Anderson Center seat the Class of '55 bought reads as **Carol Cooper** instructed.

**Laura Milster Orville** of South Dakota lost husband Harry in June, following a progressive illness, and moved to Westhills Village in August. She knits, sews, does crossword puzzles, and belongs to a writing group. She walks a little farther each day – to keep her muscles toned. She agrees with me that being a little old lady has advantages. She said that if you're old enough, you can flirt with anyone, and she thinks her doctor is starting to treat her like his grandmother.

Anne Lou Rohrbach Culwell '55's new great-great-grandson, Jax, was born the day after Thanksgiving.

**Sally Wysong Puckett** lost 19-year-old daughter Valerie in 1981 and is alone now after husband Ralph passed away in January 2011. She's taking it one day at a time, lives on 10 acres in Pylesville, Md., and stays busy. She mows eight acres but has help.

Her Jack Russell, fox terrier, and basset hound keep her company.

**Jean Wiley Everly** was at Mary Washington for two years, then married. Her husband went to George Washington, worked in the family funeral home, and was in the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve. They bought a log cabin and a farm with ponies and horses in Shenandoah, intending to live there and vacation at their waterfront home in Callao, Va., but ended up doing it the other way around. They have three children, 13 grandchildren, and six greats. Jean wants to know about her Mary Washington roommate **Charlotte Leavell**.

1956

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I enjoy winters in town but retreat to the family farm, 14 miles away, April through December. I'm best known now for my *Out of the Attic* column in the local paper, and I volunteer at the Fauquier Community Food Bank and at the county's historical society. I would love to hear from more of you. Note my new email address.

I received word of the death of **Mary Gale Buchanan**. MG had an effervescent personality. One of many Navy Juniors to attend Mary Washington, she was a devoted fan of alumni reunions. Mary Gale lived in Annapolis, Md., served as a Naval Academy tour guide, and worked at the Robert Crown Sailing Center.

**Anne DePadro Bloom**, who joined our class senior year, remembers attending Mass each Sunday with MG and stopping for cinnamon buns on the way back to campus

at what was once a Civil War munitions factory. **Lee Richmond** sent sympathy from Baltimore, and I heard from **Beth Poteet Pollard** and sister Navy Juniors **Susie Heap** and **Mickey Foley McDaniel**.





**Mary Ann Bing Strayer** lives in Hilton Head, S.C. Her husband, an orthopedic surgeon, was a longtime rowing coach and Hilton Head ferry service captain. Their daughter is an attorney in San Francisco; she was on the 1988 U.S. Olympics rowing team. Mary's son has a doctorate and is at Cal State. **Dorcas Ann "D.A." Hickox Channell** of Daytona Beach, Fla., left Mary Washington after three years and married Ensign Channell, USNA class of '55. Before retirement, they lived all over the world, most memorably in Moscow, most favorably in Hawaii. Afterward, they lived for 16 years in the San Francisco Bay area, where D.A. owned a catering business, In Good Taste. They have two sons and two grandchildren. She keeps in touch with **Helen Wilkins Obenshain**, **Anne McCann Collier**, and **Marian Minor '55**.

**Barbara Barndt Miller '59** still fox hunts and raises fox hounds for the Genesee Valley Hunt.

**Nancy Hanna Stone** and Perry volunteer, travel, golf, and enjoy their maintenance-free Williamsburg home. Between them, they have five artificial joints! **Meg White Fary** and Frank travel to Florida to escape the Blowing Rock, N.C., winters and to Quantico, Va., thanks to Frank's Marine Corps days.

1957

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Joe and **Evelyn Nitti Ewald** of Orlando are close to the University of Central Florida, so they attend orchestra concerts and plays. They planned to visit Joe's 92-year-old mother in Iowa and see their grandchildren perform with a local ballet group in Ohio.

**Nancy Hallett Guest** was awaiting another storm to add snow to the mountain. **Mary Montague Hudson Sikes** had an April book signing at the College of William and Mary Barnes & Noble for her latest novels, *Jungle*

*Jeopardy*, about a journey into the Guatemalan jungles where secret ruins lie hidden, and *A Rainbow for Christmas*. She had a May opening for her art exhibit, *The Incredible Maya Ruins of Central America*, which features large acrylic paintings inspired by visits to the ancient ruins and runs through early July at Gallery One.

1958

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1959

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Lucas is 3 and keeps his grandma on her toes. He loves going to bounce houses, his favorite character is Lightning McQueen, and he is so good for a cookie or cupcake!

Jim and **Phyllis Hartleb Rowley** took a world voyage, following the coastline

from Montevideo, Uruguay, to Sydney, Australia, with about 30 ports in between. John and **Jane Tucker Broadbooks** planned to spend Christmas with Jon Karl, Kathy, and three grandchildren in Springfield, Ill. **Molly Bradshaw Clark** was with her daughter's family for the holidays. **Marcia Phipps Ireland** and Gary took a June cruise from Boston to Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and down the St. Lawrence to Quebec and Montreal. They spent Christmas with their grandchildren, ages 6 to 20. Kristen's daughter, the eldest, attends Villanova. Kent's 12-year-old daughter plays ice hockey.

**Ann Brooks Coutsoubinas'** Anastasia was job hunting, and Gregory continues his paramedic career. Ann, who seldom subs these days because of school budget cuts, is corresponding secretary for her church.

Alan and **Celeste "Pug" Shipman Kaufman** visited friends up to Maine and back and enjoyed a long, non-football fall

weekend in New Orleans. Alan coaches men's golf at UAB, ranked 26 in the nation. Pug travels with the team and volunteers with a palliative care unit.

In October, **Julie Coates Littlefield** and her sister visited their father's birthplace in Goshen, Ind. Julie and husband Moe traveled a lot by train, including visits to Delaware and Philadelphia. They visited son Scott and family in Augusta, Ga., and daughter Bess and family in Mechanicsville, Va. They also visited Moe's family and attended his 50th reunion at the University of Maine.

**Joan Whittemore Look** and Jim visited Mexico this year, traveled through Italy, and visited Kristie's family in Wisconsin. Son Kurt and wife Peggy spent several weekends at their summer house in Nags Head, N.C. Daughter Mardy's Virginia Beach restaurant, The Blue Turtle, was doing well.

**Mary Massey** and Jack Mears hiked in the Blue Ridge Mountains and participated in the "Hiking Oregon's Central Coast" Elderhostel program while visiting Jack's family in Oregon. Mary volunteers walking dogs for the Washington Animal Rescue League, and she found the perfect dog, GiGi, part Chihuahua and part papillon. Jack, 92, gardens, walks dogs, and, having logged 18,000 miles in the past 30 years, believes that hiking relates to his longevity.

**Sally Steinmetz '59** attended the 50th anniversary party of Archie and **Charlotte Wohlneck Wiggs '59** in June.

**Barbara Barndt Miller** and Wayne Ceeley married in August in Leicester, N.Y., and had a September church ceremony in Pennsylvania. In May, Barbara and daughter Anne presented the Ralph D. Miller memorial trophy for a champion Pennsylvania-bred horse. Barbara fox hunts and raises fox hounds for the Genesee Valley Hunt. She and Wayne planned to spend the holidays in Pennsylvania.

**Eleanor Markham Old's** husband, Arthur, wrote that son Jim is a senior assistant with Booz Allen Hamilton, wife Beth manages a healthcare office in Norfolk, Va., and sons Parker and Tyler are in high school. Parker will be a fifth-generation Hokie when he enters Virginia Tech. The boys camped out with Arthur and Martha during Hurricane Irene.

**Priscilla Brown Wardlaw** retired in September and was elected junior warden of her church. Sons Chris and Rob visited for New Year's. Rob was to marry this spring. Pete's mother celebrated her 100th birthday in January. **Audrey Dubetsky Doyle**, who was using pool therapy for a pinched nerve in her back, was with her family for the holidays. **Sally Warwick Rayburn** and Jim moved into a new house in North Fort Myers, Fla., and still travel by Winnebago. Last year they visited family and friends in Virginia and North Carolina, and Sally visited son Steve and family in Greensboro, N.C. Son David and family visited for Thanksgiving, and they expected Steve, daughter Jenny, and grandchildren for the holidays.

**Charlotte Wohlneck Wiggs** and Archie sold their antiques store and reached their 50th anniversary. **Sally Steinmetz** attended the party their children gave them in June. Son Allen and wife Dale are still in Raleigh, N.C. Daughter Tracy and husband Andy returned from Vietnam and live in Mason, Ohio. Their daughter, Molly, is a freshman at MIT, and Anne is a sixth-grader. Charlie is active with

United Methodist Women and Meals on Wheels.

**Katherine Rowe Hayes** broke her left arm. **Martha Spilman Clark's** husband, Paul, started training in January as a Scripture Union minister. Son Billy took care of things at home while they were away from Peru for four months. **Barbara Gordon McNamee** of Williamsburg coaches swimming



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# Attorney's Got a Thing for the King

It all started as a stunt in his Bushnell Hall dorm room in the fall of 1988.

**Bob Lunger '93** was listening to an audiotape of a Geraldo Rivera show about whether Elvis Presley was still alive.

The tape included some humorous commentary from Elvis – or someone who sounded a lot like him – and with roommates **Mannin Dodd '95** and **Doug Flamm '93** egging him on, Lunger started mimicking The King's voice.

"They thought this was hysterical," recalled Lunger whose pals then urged him to call the campus radio station as Elvis.

Pretty soon, the station sported a banner that said "Elvis Lives and Is Here at Mary Washington," and Lunger had a new hobby.

A theater major, he did guest appearances on the station, performed Elvis covers with a friend's band, and gave motivational speeches to the Eagles baseball team – often in a jumpsuit sewn by his mom.

"I put on this suit – and I find this happens a lot – girls think, 'I'm supposed to fling myself all over him and scream like mad,'" said Lunger. "Ten minutes into being Elvis, I'm thinking, 'This is a whole lot of fun. I wonder if I should wear this all the time.'"

These days, Lunger, 42, trots out his sequined Elvis persona primarily to raise money for worthy causes like community performing arts programs near his hometown of Waynesboro, Va.

By day, the father of four is an attorney at Wharton Aldhizer & Weaver, working mostly in the areas of family, municipal, and land-use law.

He originally intended to study marine biology at Mary Washington, but an 8 a.m. biology class his first semester cured him of that. He'd always enjoyed acting, singing, and playing instruments, and it wasn't long before he was stage managing or performing in just about every production at Klein Theatre.

"The faculty was so great to be around. At some point, I had all these theater credits and I thought, 'I may as well get a theater degree,'" Lunger said.



Mike Tripp/The News Leader

Lawyer Bob Lunger portrayed the King of Rock and Roll in *An Evening With Elvis* to benefit the Staunton Performing Arts Center.

"I did not necessarily think I'd work in the industry, but it made sense. I think a strong liberal arts education like you get at Mary Washington really leaves a lot of doors open for you."

He held a number of jobs after graduation, including selling cars and helping adults with disabilities at a Northern Virginia shelter, before attending law school at George Mason University. He graduated in 2002 – only after a photo of him in full Elvis regalia showed up in *The Washington Post's* Style section.

"My law school professors just kind of looked at me and said, 'We had no idea,'" Lunger said.

He clerked for a year at the Arlington County Circuit Court before working for several law firms and serving as the Waynesboro city attorney. He joined Wharton Aldhizer & Weaver four years ago.

Lunger and his family participate regularly in community theater, and he occasionally dresses up as Santa Claus, which he says is "kind of like being Elvis except for little kids."

But it's his Elvis impersonation, honed at Mary Washington, that tends to get the most attention.

"It's so much fun when the crowd gets into it," he said. "I love being able to make people smile and laugh. It's an electrifying experience."

– Edie Gross

at the College of William and Mary. She attended the Guadalajara Pan American Games, attended the UANA Pan American Age Group Championships in Montreal, and was the judge evaluator for the U.S. Open in Hawaii. She and Bob were in Washington, D.C., for a 40th reunion with family and took their annual beach trip. They have 16 grandchildren.

It's always sad to share a loss.

**Patricia Gray Proulx** passed away in February, leaving behind Dan, daughter Pam, son Gray, and three grandchildren. **Marianne Carrano Raphaely** also died in February, leaving behind Russell, sons Chris and James, and five grandchildren. Pat and Marianne had continued the friendship they began at Mary Washington and traveled with their husbands. Pat enjoyed gardening, church, genealogy, and needlework. Marianne, the consummate volunteer, served on many boards. One of her proudest accomplishments was establishing the Please Touch Museum for children. We lost them both to cancer.

## 1960

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Did you notice the pull-quote about Dean Whidden in the Fall/Winter 2011 edition of *University of Mary Washington Magazine*? **Sandy Phillips Conklyn '61** was thrilled to read that her beloved freshman year English professor was still with us at 106. She's often thought of him and her other favorite, Professor of Chemistry Earl G. Insley, with appreciation and affection, and would like Dean Whidden to know how glad she is to have taken his class. He helped her grow, and both her children said they appreciated her "red penciling" their English papers through high school.

In our monthly email newsletter to classmates, we've been sharing memories of professors, classes, and college life. Unfortunately, space doesn't permit printing them in the magazine, but if you want to join the fun, send your email address to Jody or me.

How many of you spotted the picture on page 35, also in the fall/winter magazine? **Jan Latven Allnutt** of Maryland recognized herself on the left, **Susan Cramer Drouin** of California behind her, and **Joey VanTol Goetz** of Florida, who's clapping. It's the beanie-shedding ceremony, but we can't remember why we were clapping and holding pots and pans. We also think the other two girls in the picture look familiar but aren't sure who they are.

Jan has been in contact with Joey, Susan, and **Betty Bruce Shepard** of Virginia. They consider themselves original UMW suitemates and still make each other laugh as if they were in their 20s. Jan was looking forward to a visit with **Emy Steinberg Hyans**. Jan and her husband planned to visit western Africa, Dakar, Banjul, and Guinea-Bissau by passenger boat.

**Jan Latven Allnutt '60, Susan Cramer Drouin '60, Joey VanTol Goetz '60, and Betty Bruce Shepard '60** consider themselves original suitemates and still make each other laugh as if they were in their 20s.

**Bonnie Davis Hall** reported that her dearest friend, **Deborah Mallett Cressall**, died peacefully in her sleep in February of multiple fast-growing cancers. Ross and Bonnie visited her in January and had the honor of being her caregivers for four days.

Since selling their beloved "River Boulders" home, which they built and had for 11 years of fun, friends, and fly-fishing in New Zealand, **Judy Davidson Creasy** no longer dashes there for vacations. **Liz Hill Heaney** of North Carolina enjoys her garden. Bob skis each year, tuning up in North Carolina and heading for more challenging slopes in Utah. Two of their grandchildren were graduating from college, one was entering college, and two are in high school. Liz had health issues this year but was back in the swing of things. **Sue**

**Smith Goodrick** took a Panama Canal cruise, with stops in Aruba, Columbia, Costa Rica, and Ocho Rios, Jamaica. She also took a road trip with her daughter and son and their families, including her two grandsons, from her Wilmington, N.C., home to Washington, D.C., to tour and visit where their grandmother grew up.

**Pat Voelker Donnell** of Missouri City, Texas, had an interesting time at the first annual Old Dominion potluck event for graduates of Virginia colleges who live in the Houston area. In her career at small building-industry engineering and architectural companies, Pat served as personnel manager and bookkeeper. She loves visiting the Y. Her son lives in Dallas, where he manages some of his father's properties.

**Sandy Poole** is active in church and leads morning prayer at a state chronic care hospital. A friend asked Sandy to accompany her mother, an energetic 80-something, on a spring trip to Cape

Town, South Africa, and Sandy expected to have a hard time keeping up with her. Ten years ago **Carole Lingo Brown** retired after teaching public school in Virginia Beach for more than 30 years. She enjoys bridge, church, exercise groups, and visiting her three grandchildren in Florida.

**Gray Dodson** is a professional artist and has a website. **Joyce Neil Krost** of Cleveland, also an artist, said blogging about her work is entertaining. Joyce enjoys Gray's website and has been in touch with her roommate, **Jan Rutan Wright** of Washington State, who expected her first great-grandchild in March. They went to high school together.

In July, Jan lost her husband, who had been in a coma for many years. **Jody Campbell Close** called, and we sent condolences and

words of respect for the 14 years Jan cared for her husband after he became paralyzed and unable to communicate. Jody's quick call to Jan turned into hours of laughter and memories of Mary Washington. We count on seeing her, her sister, **Susan Rutan Joehnk '63**, and former roommates **Emy Steinberg Hyans** and **Joyce Neil Krost** at our 55th reunion.

Jody also talked to **Bayla Goldberg Manis** of Memphis, Tenn., who received a Christmas card from suitemate **Marietta Jo Ames Steinberg**, with a picture of her grandson. Jody is in touch with **Pat Voelker Donnell**, and they've discovered that their lives have followed similar patterns and that they've practically been neighbors several times.

Jody's eldest son returned to Afghanistan this spring. She looked forward to a March visit with **Bonnie Davis Hall** and Ross during a winter vacation in Florida, and she hoped to take a road trip to call on classmates from the East Coast to Texas. Jody was about to conduct another genealogy merit badge workshop for the Scouts. Genealogists from other states have expressed interest in copying her program.

Recently widowed, **Iris Hall Newton** sold her home of 25 years, moved to a senior apartment in Fredericksburg, and was ready for a new life. The skilled crafter comes from a long line of talented quilters on both sides of her family, and she cherishes her many heirloom quilts. Iris stays in touch with Jody and **Billie Bushong Boyd**. **Betsy Watts Haskell** moved from Wadesboro, N.C., to a senior apartment in Keller, Texas, to be near her son. Intense physical therapy has improved **Gaye Roberts Olsen's** mobility. She enjoys church and visiting friends, appreciates hearing about classmates, and still has her purple walker.

**Barbie Upson Welch '61** was to finish her pilot's instrument training this spring.

**Jayne Linton Ely** still loves hanging out with the girls and has three sets of girlfriends. Her "Birthday Girls" group has been together since 1974, when they all moved to Knoxville, Tenn. They started playing tennis and bridge; after their children were in school, they went to work and got together for birthdays. Most no longer play tennis, but they do play "new bridge," have brought in new girls, and travel together. Jayne is in touch with **Barbara Ashburn Rodriguez** of California, who married Ron Rodriguez, USNA class of '59. Jayne and I (**Karen Larsen Nelson**) share many memories of freshman year in Betty Lewis.

Darrell and I traveled to Florida for the May graduation of one granddaughter from high school and another from junior college, then returned to Show Low, Ariz., to enjoy summer activities. Do you remember the once-a-month concert series, where after dinner we dressed up and filed into GW to our assigned seats (with roll call) for professional theatrical performances? The most memorable for me was *Mark Twain Tonight* with Hal Holbrook. I saw his performance again here in Mesa, Ariz., a few years ago, and it brought back memories. Jody's best memories from the series are hearing John Gielgud and meeting Margaret Mead.

**1961**

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**From Connie:** As some of you know, I was hospitalized for several days in January due to

a lung condition. It had gone on for about four years, and I could function without supplementary oxygen, but now I'm





on oxygen 24/7, and my lifestyle is curtailed. We aren't traveling much, and I'm being treated here in Wilmington, N.C., and at Duke, an excellent center for pulmonary diseases. Our little house in the historic district dates from 1916 and was to be on the April Azalea Festival house tour, so we were doing projects to

visited Doug and Patty's mother, Doris, who is 95 and well. The Cairnses spent Christmas 2010 and the New Year in Naples, Italy, with son Rob and family.

Patty and Jim's three sons are married with careers and children. Michael and Katrina live in Mississippi, Bill flies the 777 for Delta, and Scott and Lisa live on the Oahu North Shore near Haleiwa, Hawaii.

**Ellen Gotwalt Willing** and

Bill, of York, Pa., made it to our 50th reunion. After colon cancer surgery, Bill was doing well enough for their annual Auto Train trip to Naples, Fla., for the winter. They visited Ocean City, Md., in September and attended an October wedding in Lynchburg, Va. Ellen's only grandchild, Andrew, is in seventh grade. Bill's grandson, Ryan, visited before being deployed to Iraq.

**Eleanor Knight Jensen** and Cliff took a relaxing cruise from Florida to New Zealand, spent 10 days in Auckland, and continued to Kauai, Hawaii, to find torrential rains in March.

**Jean Ryan Farrell** and Frank had a fun-filled year of travel with dive trips to the Cayman Islands and Curacao, ski trips to Park City, Utah, and adventure trips to Turkey and Vietnam, with a side trip to Singapore to visit son Bobby and family. In July, Jean and Frank celebrated 50 years of marriage with all three sons and their families at Lake Lanier, Ga., where they bought a house. It's all about Kentucky basketball until early April for **Lynn McCarthy**. She finds the online bald eagle cams educational and fascinating and is still into genealogy. They'd had 65 inches of rain so far in 2011; Lynn said it's like living in a rain forest.

Last year **Sarah Leigh Kinberg** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, her 50th reunion at UMW, and Tom's 50th from USNA. Finnish exchange

son, Pekka, came to visit with his wife and three daughters. Tom Jr. and Christi live in Oregon, and Sarah Leigh lives in France. The grandchildren are grown.

**Barbie Upson Welch** was to finish her pilot's instrument training this spring and give up managing their retirement community's gift shop. Husband Chuck weathered back surgery, and they took their first cruise in February to the Eastern Caribbean with Barbie's sister and husband. They planned to visit her son, Bob, and family in Portland, Ore., in January.

**Patsy Whitehead Towle** passed away Dec. 26, 2011, after six difficult years. Daughter Heather wrote that she had fought hard to stay with them through the holidays, but she had thankfully let go. We extend our deepest sympathy to Heather, Stephanie, and their families.

My roomie, **Janie Riles**, has had some art showings in Florida. She and hubby Jim Dietz spent the winter there, and they were in France in February to sell Jim's studio apartment. They planned a May trip to Morocco. **Mary Hatcher**, who is on the Friends of the Library board in Wilmington, N.C., was doing physical therapy

planned to return in mid-April, after the muddy season. She traveled to China and took a Caribbean cruise with 13 of her mother's family members. She visited **Pat Scott Peck** in Florida and planned to visit a friend in Arizona, then meet up with Pat again in San Antonio to visit **Aggie Welsh Eyster**, then head to Georgia to see **Jean Ryan Farrell** and attend a horse show. She also planned to visit Omaha with **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom** and Art.

**Bobbie Brookes Nation** lives in London. Her 98-year-old mother passed away at the Richmond home of her other daughter, **Pam Brookes Weiseman '63**. This summer **Judy LaRoe Hare** and **MJ Giles Stearns** hoped to visit **Jan Murphy Riefler** at her Cabo San Lucas home. In April, Judy, who plays competitive tennis, planned to attend the Family Circle Cup tennis tournament in Charleston, S.C. Judy is a Lowe's flooring specialist, handles international sales for My Pool Pal, and still plays competitive tennis.

**Donna Henninger Henderson** is retired but works in an antiques shop and does volunteer work with drug and alcohol prevention and education, promotion of the arts,

conservation, neglected children, and mentally disabled adults. **Sylvia McJilton Woodcock** wrote that

**Marcia Minton Keech's** husband, Bill, was treated at Johns Hopkins for cancer but has recovered. Sylvia's husband, Stuart, was recovering from hip surgery and was to have more knee surgery. They visited Palm Beach, Fla., in February and March.

**Becky Paris Spetz** has been scanning into her computer slides from their early years through 1987 to make DVDs for their four children. **Nancy "Pepper" Jacobs Germer** is going back to work part time for a friend who owns Arkansas jewelry stores. She and Hank planned to go to San Miguel de Allende, Mexico,

**Jean Ryan Farrell '61** and Frank celebrated 50 years of marriage in July with all three sons and their families at Lake Lanier, Ga.

after knee surgery. She planned a trip to the Williamsburg antiques show.

From Renee: Memories of reunion continue to make me smile. I'm busy with classes and animals. With the political season heating up, I'm devouring the news and plan to volunteer with the campaign. I planned a March cruise to the Panama Canal with **Syd Collson Chichester '60**, with whom I've been friends since I was in kindergarten in Washington, D.C.

**Peggy Howard Hodgkins** left Maine in early March and

spiffy things up. I love hearing from you and thank those who have contacted me.

**Carolyn Barnette Wright** visited Mary Washington in January for the first time in more than 30 years and was amazed by the new buildings. She was sorry to miss the reunion and seeing everyone. **Ellen Grumbly deGail** finished work on one of two family trees. She has traveled to Ireland for information and to meet cousins. Her grandparents immigrated to the U.S. in 1907 from County Longford in Ireland's central farming area. Ellen was born Helen Lynch, but her name was changed when she was adopted. She never met her birth mother, who died, but she has met two sisters and a half-sister.

Clarence and **Clara Sue Durden Ashley** plan to stay in their home in Great Falls, Va. Their four sons and 14 grandchildren are scattered from Washington, D.C., to St. Augustine, Fla., to Dayton, Ohio. The Ashleys visited Wilmington on their way home from babysitting for Dennis' family in St. Augustine.

Last year **Dee Doran Cairns** and Doug of Montgomery, Ala., celebrated 50 years of marriage, and they marked 50th reunions at UMW and the Air Force Academy with **Patty Cairns Hourin** and Jim, who was Doug's classmate. Grandson Christopher graduated from Auburn University in December, and they

and to Pepper's June high school reunion. She gave a tea for eight friends, and they wore mink stoles and gloves and hats that Pepper's mom made in the '50s. She used her mother's and her own china and made tea sandwiches, scones, chocolate-dipped strawberries, and more. Pepper participates in Special Ministries at church. My thanks to all who took time to send news.

**From Lynne:** We had a marvelous, mild winter in New York City. Sandy and I went to Florida in February, and part of the time it was colder there than in New York. We're looking forward to a June cruise from London to Copenhagen.

In February, Jim and **Carolyn Spell Robertson** visited with her brothers and their wives at their North Carolina beach house and planned to attend Jim's 50th dental school reunion at the Medical College of Virginia in April. In the fall, **Kay Slaughter** is to teach with Semester at Sea for U.Va., traveling to Europe, Africa, and Ghana, then back across the Atlantic and up the east coast of South America, including Uruguay, Argentina, and Brazil. Kay still writes and posts copies of her essays on her blog. She wrote her first novel and takes a fiction writing class at U.Va. She loves retirement and is active in local politics and local and statewide environmental issues.

**Marcy Trembath Pitkin** and Steve sold their ancient lakeside cottage, which was bittersweet, since they'll miss their family and friends. **Eleanore Saunders Sunderland** took a post-Thanksgiving, pre-Christmas trip to Milan, Italy, with all her children. Daughter Jude has lived there for 10 years, and she found places for everyone to stay. Eleanore's twin, **Judy Saunders Slifer**, was responding well to the latest medical treatments and was to continue with monthly follow-ups. We admire your strength, Judy!

**Sue Wilson Sproul** and Dave took a September trip to the Tetons and Yellowstone. He went out before sunrise to a field of boulders overlooking

Yellowstone Lake to take pictures. As it grew lighter, the boulders began to groan and rise up on four legs – the bison just ambled off. The Sprouls spent a snowy Christmas in Grand Lake, Colo., with Sue's older son, Ted Boling, and his family, with an old-time melodrama at the playhouse and New Year's fireworks over the lake. In January, they drove to Morro Bay, Calif., stopping in Death Valley. Returning, they went from 100 feet below sea level there to 10,000 feet above in Beaver Creek, Colo., in just 10 days. This year they plan to visit with three children and three grandchildren in Virginia.

**Judy Youngman Wigton** of Omaha expected **Peggy Howard Hodgkins** and **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom** and Art to visit for the Berkshire Hathaway annual meeting there in May. They planned a mini-reunion with **Charlotte Howard Austin** and

**Helen Clarke Calhoun '64, Carole Sue Shelton Lattimer '64, and Sharon Haythorne Stack '64** drove to Charlottesville and tailgated with Sharon's daughter, **Ann Stack Harrison '86**, to cheer on U.Va. against Georgia Tech.

Hank, who live 20 miles away. Judy, Lloyd, and **Lynda White '71** were setting up a scholarship in honor of our beloved art history professor, Pauline Grace King. They feel study abroad is valuable for art history students, and the scholarship is to fund a semester or more for each recipient. They encourage other alumni to donate, as well. Lloyd and Art plan to travel to Diecimo, Italy, just north of Lucca, with a group in September.

1962

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1963

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To avoid a boring column, please sit down at your computer and dash off a few lines to me for the next edition. Give information about careers, volunteer work, children, grandchildren, activities, travels, and contact with classmates.

My husband, Jonathan, and I participated in a memoir-writing workshop this winter. One week I wrote about Josiah P. Rowe, former publisher, owner, and editor-in-chief of *The Free Lance-Star*, because he was an important mentor to me when **Leah Headley Samuelson '63** and I were co-editors of *The Bullet*. He celebrated his 85th birthday and has retired from the paper. If any of you has memories of Joe, *The Free Lance-Star*, or *The Bullet*, please send me a line or two to

include in a paper I've written for him and the next edition of this column.

**Ann Reardon Crowely Rowe** and husband Mack are

happy in their round wood house nestled in the Virginia mountains near the college town of Charlottesville. Annie continues work on her novelization of a haunted house in her home city and had a great year selling books on Amazon. Mack enjoys honing his watercolor skills, and he's hosting a show of his creations, *Rowebots*. Annie's younger daughter, Jeannie, visited Ecuador this spring. Annie's friend of 50 years, **Charlotte Hudson**, known to friends and family as Sue, died in the fall. Sue and I shared a small apartment at Bailey's Crossroads, Va., after graduation. Annie hears from **Nancy Pida Remmers** of Florida, who participates in art shows. Daughter Debbie recently won third place for a color monotype at Florida's Flagler County Art League.

**Carolyn DeCamps Dunaway** resigned as supervisor of technical services at Chesterfield County Public Library in 2005, and over time became interested in Biblical archaeology. She has participated in excavations in Jordan and Israel, and planned to return to Jordan in January for her third season at Tall el-Hammam, an immense mound northeast of the Dead Sea believed by some to be the site of the ancient city of Sodom. She is pursuing a master's degree in Biblical archaeology and is active in her church, with Bible study, and with friends and her two stepdaughters.

**Mary Russell, Alice Eckenrode Alkire**, and I continue our occasional mini-reunions. **Cynthia Whitaker Finnely** and Dan Weinrich plan to join us when they travel from Cary, N.C., to a concert at Wolf Trap in Vienna, Va. In November, I visited gardens in Argentina and Uruguay, where I lived in the '80s. I plan to take lots of short family trips this summer and a garden tour to South Africa in November.

That's all for now. Don't forget to send news for the next issue.

1964

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**Ruth Pharr Sayer** and I had our long-planned reunion this winter. We met in the entry hall of the Metropolitan Museum of Art on a rainy February day and had lunch at a Madison Avenue restaurant. We chatted for two hours about college memories, our present lives, and mutual acquaintances. Ruth looks fantastic and keeps busy with real estate work, her family, her life in Princeton, N.J., and summers on Nantucket. As I wrote this, she was traveling in Paris. We hope there will be more mini-reunions and ask anyone in the New York area to join us.

**Beverley Jackson Johnston** and Jim, married 44 years, have lived in Fort Worth, Texas, since 1979. They spend several summer weeks at their home in North Wildwood, N.J. Children Anna





and Jamie are grown, so their dog and cats accompany them to the Jersey Shore. Beverley is a prize-winning amateur photographer. Tennis, travel, and college courses keep the Johnstons busy.

**Betsy Moseley Garrard** works in Lynchburg, Va., at a foundation supporting the Mercy Care Centre school in Nairobi, Kenya, where she's taught twice. Once a primary school, a high school was added and three classes have graduated. E.C. Glass High School in the U.S., where Betsy taught for 30 years, is Mercy Care's sister school, and students raise about \$5,000 each year to support the Kenya school in one of Nairobi's poorest areas.

**Jean Rhodius Austin** and husband Tom have lived in the San Francisco Bay area for 25 years, but they travel to Nantucket in the summer. Children Tommy and Karen graduated from Stanford University, married native Californians, and each have two children. Jean was in the medical technology field, then took business and computer courses and became office manager for a start-up company in Palo Alto. After she retired, she and six other women decided to explore some of the world's more exotic areas. They've visited Tibet, Bhutan, Borneo, Thailand, Indonesia, India, China, Sikkim, and West Bengal. Tom works for Clarks of England shoe company. They live near award-winning home designer and contractor **Iris Harrell '69**.

**Sally Clay Crenshaw Witt** and husband Sam were expecting to be grandparents and enjoyed furnishing baby's guest room at their Richmond home. My former suitemate, **Sharon Haythorne Stack**, had lunch last October with **Helen Clarke Calhoun**, **Linda Frederickson Boudman** and her husband, **Jean Sheehan Boucher**, and **Carole Sue Shelton Lattimer** in Hampton, Va. A few days later, Helen, Carole Sue, and Sharon drove to Charlottesville and tailgated with Sharon's daughter, **Ann Stack Harrison '86**, to cheer on U.Va. against Georgia Tech. On her way to San Antonio for an aunt's 90th birthday party, Sharon thought

about **Ann Dunman Mewborne** and husband Bruce. She looked up, and there were Ann and Bruce, on their way back from South Padre Island, Texas.

**Mary Grace Wright Day '66** visited Cuba in March with the UMW President's Travel Club, which was granted a special license for the educational visit. She returned home with an immense sense of gratitude for the blessings we enjoy as Americans.

**Helen Vakos Standing** and her husband spent the winter at a Panama City, Fla., golf community. They visited with **Becky Spears Wright** and husband Nick, who were also in Florida for golf. Helen talks often to **Sue Parker Burton**, who has lots of grandchildren.

Don't forget to email me for the next edition of *Class Notes* or send a note to the Office of Alumni Relations for forwarding. We love to hear from you!

**1965**

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I stay busy in Atlanta, play in three tennis leagues, and keep up with four book clubs between trips to California. My son returned in February from his deployment aboard the *USS John C. Stennis* and was home two months before returning to sea. These trips are a strain on the family. Few understand the sacrifice our military men and women make! My daughter and family live three hours from my son's family, so I see both on my frequent trips west, visited both in February, and planned to return for Easter, when we all were to get together at my daughter's San Jose, Calif., home. In March, I left cold Atlanta for a week in West Palm Beach, Fla., with my brother and his wife.

**Janet Burnett Morrison** has published books on the global business environment, including

her latest, *The Global Business Environment, Third Edition*, that are used as college-MBA textbooks in the U.S. and several other countries. She always

includes a mention of her Mary Washington bachelor's degree in her author's biography and feels it was a great start to a professional career. Janet and husband Ian moved to

France two years ago and planned to move again, to a house with a larger garden. **Margaret "Meg" Cobourn John**, who grew up in the Syracuse, N.Y., area, enjoyed a mild winter in Myrtle Beach, S.C. In November, they joined friends in Puerto Rico, toured the Bacardi Rum Factory, and found there's nothing like starting a tour of old San Juan with rum drinks.

Please send news and remember to include your maiden name in the body of your note, so I know who you are.

**1966**

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Hank and I are grandparents of two college graduates, four college students, and several more in practically every grade. I tutor high school math, mostly to the grandchildren; play my cornet/trumpet at church; and knit, sew, and bowl with our two senior leagues. My first year on the vestry at St. John's Episcopal Church in Centreville, Va., proved

**Elaine Gerlach McKelly '66** is a volunteer leader for a troop of 47 Girl Scouts.

rewarding and time-consuming. As a lay delegate to the 217th annual Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, I recognized **Marianne Graves Phillips '63**, a delegate from Culpeper, Va. We reminisced about the good

old days at Trinity Episcopal Church in Fredericksburg with our beloved math professor, Dr. Shaw. The April meeting was at St. George's Episcopal Church in downtown Fredericksburg, which also holds many memories for our class. With sailing season upon us, Hank and I were busy with the Pentagon Sailing Club, which planned a weeklong 30th anniversary flotilla venture on the Chesapeake Bay at the end of summer. Hank maintains the outboard motors and races with the team, and I work on the distaff side of things.

**Barbara Bishop Mann** and husband Robert stayed close to home in recent months, while Bobbi managed her healthcare. She arranged a December meeting of our Mary Washington Lunch Bunch at Bistro Bethem in Fredericksburg and, despite lots of rain, 10 of us came. **Sheila Denny Young** lives in Fredericksburg; **Anne Meade Claggett** came from Marshall, Va.; **Lee Enos Kelley** came from Washington, D.C.; **Ann Kales Lindblom** came from Alexandria, Va.; **Jana Privette Usry** and Bobbi came from Richmond; **Joan Cuccias Patton** joined us from Gainesville, Va.; **Dale Quel Woods** drove from Woodbridge, Va.; **Caroline Hogeland Stone** took a day off school in Annapolis, Md.; and I, **Katharine Rogers Lavery**, drove from Vienna, Va. Pictures are on our "MWC 1966" Facebook page. Plans were being made for a spring meeting in Fredericksburg to discuss the U.S. Women's History project in Jeffrey McClurken's class. One of his students contacted Bobbi about researching Mary Washington classes by decades. Bobbi alerted everyone on her email list, several agreed to participate, and we responded to a list of questions about campus life and social climate. Long-distance participants include **Marty Spigel Sedoff**, **Mary Wright Day**, **Ginny Bateman Brinkley**, **Carol Bingley Wiley**, **Carol A. Eldred**, **Pam Ward**, and **Cherie Brumfield**.

**Pat Lewars Pace** missed our luncheon because she was elected to the Woman's Club of Ashland, Va., which meets Tuesdays. Pat and **Linda Glynn Hutchinson**

scheduled a spring trip to Egypt and Israel, but because of political unrest, forewent Egypt for Jordan and Turkey. **Pam Kearney Patrick** was receiving at the Art League the day of our Mary Washington Lunch Bunch meeting and was doing some renovating at home. **Tyla Matteson** couldn't attend, since she and husband Glen were at the Durban Climate Change Conference in South Africa. **Pam Ward** retired in March as regional education officer for Africa, Office of Overseas Schools, U.S. Department of State. She moved from Arlington to Irvington, Va., and planned to spend more time with her two children, who live in Richmond, and reconnect with classmates in the area. **Lynn Smithey Campbell** retired from Tazewell County Public Schools and planned to pursue quilting, bridge, and mah-jongg and spend time with her grandchildren, who live nearby.

**Ginny Bateman Brinkley** and husband Bill planned their bi-annual trip to Maui in April to join Roger and **Ryan Stewart Davis**. After having his second knee replacement in January and finishing physical therapy, Bill said he's glad he doesn't have a third knee. Ginny was excited for **Dee Dee Nottingham Ward** and **Mary Grace Wright Day**, who went to Cuba in March with UMW's President's Travel Club, which was granted a special license for the educational visit. The group went to art galleries and workshops; attended musical performances; toured Havana,

**Tyla Matteson '66** and husband Glen attended the Durban Climate Change Conference in South Africa.

Cienfuegos, and Trinidad; and visited the Bay of Pigs Museum. Mary Grace had a wonderful time, was impressed with the warmth and optimistic spirit of the Cuban people, and returned home with an immense sense of gratitude for the blessings we enjoy as Americans.

President General **Nancy Shackelford Jones** has overseen the Colonial Dames of America,

the country's oldest female genealogical society, for three years, visiting many of the 33 chapters, including those in Rome, Paris, London, Palm Beach, and Washington, D.C. Founded in 1891, the international organization promotes education, scholarship, and historic preservation. Members trace their ancestors back to one of the original 13 colonies.

**Elaine Gerlach McKelly** retired from what her son called her "hobby jobs" and is a volunteer Girl Scout leader for a troop of 47 girls. Elaine and her husband escaped the cold back home by spending a February week in Key West, Fla. Last June they traveled through the western U.S. and splurged on a fall trip to Paris and London. They resolve to continue traveling as much as possible. Their four children and seven grandchildren, ages 10 to 14, live nearby. **Mary Kathryn Rowell Horner** and husband Charlie wintered in Naples, soaking up the Florida sun. They rented a condo on the edge of the golf course and walked to the driving range and clubhouse. Several Northern Virginia friends own or rent homes there, so Mary Kathryn felt it was like being at home except she could wear shorts. Her annual stint as waitress at Woodlawn Plantation's tea room in Alexandria, Va., where Nellie's Needlers presents a needlework exhibit and luncheons, was postponed to

May and June this year. Last year our Mary Washington Lunch Bunch went and enjoyed having Mary Kathryn as our waitress.

**Susan Roth Nurin** has become an Olympic retiree! After moving into a spacious New York City apartment overlooking Central Park, she bought a city subway and bus pass and takes advantage of Groupons for dining, shows, and shopping. She attends movies, symphonies, recitals, and operas all over the city. She attended Wagner's last Ring opera, *Götterdämmerung*, twice – in

a movie house streamed live in high definition (and shown simultaneously in 52 countries) and in person at the Metropolitan Opera House.

**Joan Cuccias Patton** follows Susan's activities on Facebook and is competing for her own Olympic retirement medal. In March, Joan toured Rome, Florence, Venice, and Milan. In June, she visited friends in Arizona and attended her high school reunion in Coronado, Calif. In July, she spent a week on North Carolina's Outer Banks with her children's families and a week in Newport Beach, Calif., with her siblings' families. Joan cruised from Montreal to Boston in October, hit New York City in December, and planned another international journey, perhaps to Australia, and a U.S. trip to someplace she's never been.

**Susanne Landerghini Boehm's** agent business books instrumental trios, quartets for weddings and parties, and professional singers for

church services. She is program chairperson for a Vienna, Va., businesswomen's group, and her hobbies include making beaded bracelets and necklaces, reading biographies and history, and yoga for seniors. Husband Ralph keeps getting more private violin, viola, and cello students and plans to teach orchestra at Osbourn High School in Manassas at least another year before he and Susanne head south, perhaps to winter in Florida. Younger son Karl returned to Virginia as director of a Fairfax online marketing company after being self-employed in Los Angeles for four years. Elder son Maurice is a programmer/consultant in Arlington, Va., and occasionally travels overseas.

On Virginia's Eastern Shore, **Susan Hanes Chaney** and Bill were inconvenienced by a tornado, earthquake, and hurricanes, but their property wasn't damaged. They traveled to Norfolk for a September reunion of Bill's shipmates, saw veterans

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from Korea and Vietnam, and found that Bill and one other man are the only ones left from WWII. In October, Susan and Bill toured France; spent time in Brittany, Normandy, and Paris; and enjoyed ornamental gardens, cathedrals, chateaus, and the impressive Omaha Beach Memorial. After a family Thanksgiving in Ohio, Susan and Bill returned home to concentrate on gardening, landscaping, animals, volunteer work, and preparing Bill's new 15-foot Boston Whaler for fishing on the river.

**Eileen Goddard Albrigo** also had no real damage after the earthquake and storms. She sent heart-warming photos of her family and grandchildren, all of whom live nearby. Last year, they celebrated John's dad's 90th birthday, John's 45th reunion at Georgetown University, Eileen's

in Spain, so it was the first time the young cousins interacted in person. Kathleen and Eileen spent several winter weeks caring for their 92-year-old father during surgery and rehab before he rejoined his wife of 69 years in their assisted living facility. Despite the severity of the situation, both daughters relished the opportunity to spend long, quiet hours with their dad, reminiscing about old times and shared adventures.

## 1967

**Nancy McDonald Legat**  
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**Elise Strickland** and husband Don are retired, sold their Connecticut home of 34 years, and have become snowbirds. Their winter home is in Lakewood Ranch, Fla., near

Sarasota, and their summer home is in Jaffrey, N.H. Son Rob works for GE, is married, and has two girls. Daughter Susie is married and has three girls. She and their daughter-in-law stay home with the children.

Daughter Betsy works and was finishing her master's in education at Harvard. They all travel to see Elise and Don, wherever they are. **Nancy McDonald Legat** of Lexington, S.C., and husband of 45 years Dan, are retired and enjoy their three grown daughters, sons-in-law, and seven grandchildren. Their oldest granddaughter married last year, and Dan and Nancy would love a great-grandchild. They're active at church, volunteer at a crisis center, and have five grand-dogs.

**Sue Spencer Collins** has lived in Birmingham Ala., since 1977 and worked with her internist husband, Mike, for 15 years. Their elder daughter studied at U.Va., is a physician's assistant in a Nashville pediatrician's office, and has two children, Laura, 4, and Luke, 9

months. She and her husband love to climb in places like Yosemite. Sue and Mike's younger daughter studied at Randolph-Macon Woman's College. She and her husband work for Blue Cross/Blue Shield in Birmingham, Ala. They race in triathlons and each has done an Ironman. They have Sue's grand-dog, Explosion. Mike still works as a geriatrician but has reduced the number of retirement homes he visits. A major surgery two years ago sapped his strength, but he's regaining it. Sue and Mike have cats Mollie and Ladybug.

**Judy Douglass Everett** of Houston retired in June as director of donor services at the Greater Houston Community Foundation and was adjusting to making her own schedule. She was to start volunteer work as a computer mentor at a nonprofit that helps women get back in the workforce. She gets to Florida as often as possible to visit daughter Buffy and grandson Aiden, 2 ½. She was helping daughter Jennette get her ticketing company off the ground in Austin and looking forward to visiting daughter Emily next year in Brazil, where she'll complete her internship for her master's of divinity degree from Perkins School of Theology. Judy's husband, Keith, works part time with flexible hours, and they look forward to traveling as much as their budget will allow. Judy stays in touch with **Fonda Davis Eyler**, **Mary Haga Doermann**, and **Roberta Hatcher Graves**, and they hoped to plan a weekend together soon. Judy recently found the audio tape of her 1967 senior voice recital and put it on her iPod. She'd love to touch base with **Carol Verell**, who was her accompanist, if anyone has her contact information.

**Gloria Shelton Gibson '69** traveled to Guatemala for eight days in January with **Sidney Robins Lockaby '71**.

Fonda Davis Eyler often recalls our Mary Washington days and friendships. She fully retired in December after 32 years of research, mentoring, and directing an intervention program

for special needs children, from birth to age 3, in 10 counties around Gainesville, Fla., where she's lived since 1974. She became professor emeritus of pediatrics and continues to be involved with the University of Florida Center for Excellence in Early Childhood Studies and the Children's Movement of Florida. She and John, who's also retired, were to celebrate their 45th anniversary in June and work for the Obama campaign. Their children and five grandchildren live in California. Daughter Lisa and husband live in San Diego and have two girls, 10 and 5. Son Jason and wife live in San Francisco and have three boys, 4, 2, and 7 months. Sue and John plan to spend more time visiting the West Coast, traveling, and snorkeling in the Caribbean islands.

## 1968

**Meg Livingston Asensio**  
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## 1969

**Linda Marett Disosway**  
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**Iris Harrell** enjoys playing golf with her partner, Ann Benson. Iris heard from **Beverly Holt** of North Carolina and **Pam Hogan Baynard**, who was doing well. Iris sees **Phyllis Newby Thompson** and **Suzanne McCarthy Van Ness**, who also live in California's Bay Area. Iris' company, Harrell Remodeling, was named one of last year's top 50 winning workplaces by *Inc.* magazine. Iris is excited about the new UMW College of Business, and she said its dean, Lynne Richardson, and Donna Mejia, UMW director of leadership, giving, and corporate and foundation relations, visited the Bay Area. They met with local members of the Class of 1969, including Iris, Phyllis, Suzanne, and **Carole Findlay Phipps**.

In February, **Gloria Shelton Gibson** attended an informal alumni gathering in Charlotte, N.C., hosted by Donna Mejia. Gloria continues her human resources consulting practice, Workplace Dynamics. She and

**Judy Douglass Everett '67** retired in June as director of donor services at the Greater Houston Community Foundation and was to start volunteer work as a computer mentor at a nonprofit that helps women get back in the workforce.

45th reunion at UMW, and their Liverpool High School 50th reunion (a year early, combined with the class of '61), and they took their annual family vacation at Hilton Head, S.C. **Kathleen Goddard Moss** and husband Tom had all eight grandchildren together last summer for an extended visit. One family lives

## Let us hear from you!

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**Sidney Robins Lockaby '71** traveled to Guatemala in January. Highlights included the Mayan weavings and fabrics market at Chichicastenango; Lake Atitlan, a volcanic crater; and a hike through the Mayan ruins at Tikal.

**Jeanine Zavrel Fearn**s of Fairfax, Va., planned to meet suitemates **Anne Witham Kilpatrick** of Greenville, S.C.; **Carolyn "Suzy" Bender Winterble** of Yorktown, Va.; and **Toni Turner Bruseth** of Austin, Texas, for their regular reunion in April. Jeanine said Toni planned a "crowning ceremony" for all, since they're each approaching the age where they can be considered crones. That should be hilarious, and I'll expect a report for *Class Notes*. Toni recently retired from a long career in nonprofit foundation work; husband Jim retired from a career in archeology. They're writing a sequel to their book, *From a Watery Grave*, the story of Jim's discovery and raising of the Spanish ship *La Belle* in the Gulf of Mexico. Anne visited her sister in Aruba in winter. Suzy and husband Charlie had a winter golf getaway in Florida.

**CPA Bonnie Page Hoopengardner** enjoys golf and her six grandchildren. She lives in Williamsburg but keeps up with two bridge groups in her former home of Vienna, Va. **Barbara Marks Poppleton** and husband Don of St. Augustine, Fla., travel to see friends and their seven grandchildren, who live in Denver, Indiana, and Boston. **Jane Jackson Woerner**, who is retired, and Barbara had a wonderful time in February when Jane visited while in town for a wedding.

**Patti Boise Kemp** asked me to remind you that it's only two years until our 45th reunion, the weekend after Memorial Day. They're planning some different things, including something awesome for the Friday night party. It'll be here before we know it, so put it on your calendars.

## Literature Helps Ethicist Explore What It Means to Be Human

An excellent liberal arts education from University of Mary Washington positioned **Virginia L. Green Bartlett '01** to thrive as a clinical ethics consultant.

The assistant director at the Center for Healthcare Ethics at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center learned "how to pay attention and how to pursue a question" at Mary Washington, she said. "I learned how to ask questions and how to learn with other people."

Bartlett works with patients, families, and health care providers to identify and help resolve concerns, conflicts, and moral challenges that emerge in health care settings. Her consultations can take 10 minutes or six weeks.

At UMW, Bartlett double majored in English and religion. She continued her studies at Vanderbilt University, where she earned master's degrees in theological studies and religion, and a doctorate in religion. Today, along with consulting, she teaches and does research in the 1,000-bed medical center in Los Angeles.

Bartlett recently gave a lecture at Arizona State University about her journey from undergraduate studies in medieval literature to the hospital intensive care unit – or anywhere else she is called to go as an ethics consultant. She told curious undergraduates in the bioethics and society program that the questions people face in a high-tech modern medical center are similar to questions that Dante wrote about 700 years ago and that sci-fi writers probe today.

What does it mean to be alive?

How does one find meaning in suffering?

How do humans experience being human, and how do we talk about it with other humans?



Shane K. Bartlett

The liberal arts prepared Virginia L. Green Bartlett to ask the right questions as a clinical ethics consultant.

Such timeless questions are at the core of medieval literature, religion, and medicine, Bartlett said. "A major part of what I do each day is learning to ask those questions and helping other people ask them as well – and learning to live with whatever answers we find."

Bartlett knew about Mary Washington because her grandmother, **Elizabeth Louise "Betty Lou" Jones '47**, was an alumna. When Bartlett first visited campus, she immediately connected with the community, faculty, and intellectual environment.

Once she was a student, she "found a mentor in [Professor of English] Teresa Kennedy and a home in studying English," she said. "I added religion because I recognized many connections between those two different disciplines. Mary Washington helped me learn how to see such relationships and be adaptable in my learning."

"Mary Washington allowed me to pursue the variety of interests that eventually led to this career path."

– Robin Farmer

'01





## 1970

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Ted and I continue to thrive in beautiful northwestern North Carolina. I'm almost recovered from my second neck surgery and hope I'm running out of cervical vertebrae for the surgeon to operate on. In March, we visited my parents, who are in a Florida nursing home specializing in dementia. We stopped to see Ted's youngest son, Doug, and fiancée Sarah in Gadsden, Ala.

**Lynn DeWitt Fogel** and husband Joe of Stone Mountain, Ga., planned a June trip to Italy. She has taught for 31 years in Gwinnett County, and Joe has been with Southern Catholic Protection for 27 years. Son William, 24, invented the

Southeast Asia, Russia, Germany, Poland, the Czech Republic, and Hungary! She and husband John visited grandchildren, ages 4 and 2, in Arizona. John travels around the country teaching and is a consultant. Son Justin and new wife Cari live and teach in Caroline County.

Bruce and **Barbara Forgione Tansey**, married 41 years, spent Christmas with daughter Lisa and her husband in Chesapeake, Va. Barbara is active in her women's club, and Bruce is an avid golfer. Last year they traveled to Florida, New Orleans, and Branson, Mo., and also to Holland, Germany, the Czech Republic, Austria, and Hungary.

Vince and **Frimalee Kaplan Nowicki** of Woodbridge, Va., traveled to Tunisia in 2010 and enjoyed the Roman ruins, markets, and mosaics. Last year they traveled to the Caribbean, South Africa, Vietnam, and Cambodia. Vince works for the U.S. Department of State, and Frimalee is on the condo board.

Gene and **Gretchen Gregory Davis** of Chesterfield, Mo., love to ski near their Colorado mountain home and celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last summer in Keystone. Gretchen chairs the boards of the Miriam Foundation and the Leadership Advisory Council for the College of Education at the University of Missouri. Gene was named among St. Louis' top doctors last year. Son Greg of New England works for the Department of the Navy.

Congratulations to **Kathi O'Neill Argiropoulos**, who was appointed to the UMW Alumni Association Board of Directors. She also was approved to teach a class for the Episcopal Diocese. Daughter Demi graduated in December and works at an Arlington, Va., marketing firm. Son Jack completed an Enterprise Rent-a-Car management-training program and took a technology

start-up position in New York. On an August church mission trip to near Cape Town, South Africa, Kathi and Demi worked at a crèche, Jack assisted with school sports, and they worked on a house for children orphaned by AIDS. Kathi enjoyed a November

**Kathleen Horstkamp Beach '70** and daughter Stephanie authored *Madison's Mixed-up Flower Girl Magic* and *Aiden's Amazing Ring Bearer Act*.

trip to Cancun, Mexico.

Walt and **Anne Howell Wood** have two grandsons, ages 13 and 1½. Anne, a master gardener, won her first blue ribbon in a daffodil show last year. She attended her 45th Suffolk High School reunion and had a mini-reunion with **Beverley Clare Coates '68, Jan Desmond Melluzzo '69, Carol Greenwood Trejo '69, Doralece Lipoli Dullaghan, Loretta Horgan Nagle '69, Darlene Greenhalgh Hines, Cheryl Ulmer Nashel '69, Judy Farrell Bechtold '69, Tanya Belt Nickson '69, and Kirsten Mackey Fleisher.**

**Brenda Kay Schutte Flohre**, a realtor, and her semi-retired husband of Virginia Beach have three children and five grandchildren. **Martha Veasey Sawyer** and husband Roger traveled to Las Vegas and Washington, D.C., and sailed the Eastern Caribbean. In September, Martha attended her 45th high school reunion in South Boston, Va.

Dave and **Kathleen Horstkamp Beach** of Littleton, Co., live near children Stephanie, David, and Melissa and their families. Kathi and Stephanie authored *Madison's Mixed-up Flower Girl Magic* and *Aiden's Amazing Ring Bearer Act*, for ages 3 to 8. Kathi is writing a middle school novel, studying pottery, has been entering triathlons since she turned 60, and does yoga with Dave.

Bob and **Laurie King Myse** moved into a new Florida home.

Bob golfs, and Laurie plays bridge and tends the flower gardens. **Patricia Piermatti** traveled to Florida and also made a pilgrimage to Israel. She is historian of the Woman's Club of Upper Montclair, N.J., and the group's 1924 clubhouse was

to be added to the New Jersey Register of Historic Places. **Ellen Grosskurth** spent junior year at the University of Madrid, and she returned to Spain last summer. She teaches ESL in a suburban Philadelphia-area elementary school and is in two Scrabble clubs. Children Veronica and Alex live nearby. **Brenda Jennings Louthian's** grandson, Clay, was born in August. Daughter Lindsay was married last November, and her husband had two sons, so Brenda now has five grandsons.

Our sincerest condolences to **Tina Kormanski Krause**, whose father passed away in 2011, just short of his 91st birthday. He introduced Tina to Mary Washington, drove her down from their hometown of Pearl River, N.Y., and loved the school as much as she does. Tina has been a school librarian for 21 years, the last 11 at The Potomac School in McLean, Va. Husband Paul, vice-chairman of the New York law firm Wilson Elser, manages the Washington, D.C., office. Daughter Lindsay is a corporate secretary in Philadelphia, and Megan is a marketing manager in White Plains, N.Y. They have two grandchildren, ages 1 and 3. Tina sees **Kathy Thiel, Kathy O'Neill Argiropoulos, Gabby Pagan, and Mary Pat O'Donnell Weigard.**

Thanks to all who wrote, and please continue to send your news.

## 1971

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**Lynda White** is working with **Judy Youngman Wigton '61** and **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom '61** to establish a UMW scholarship in

Congratulations to **Kathi O'Neill Argiropoulos '70** on her appointment to the UMW Alumni Association Board of Directors. She's impressed with what's happening at UMW.

Easy Edger lawn trimmer. Son Matthew, 27, works for a healthcare company and is pursuing an MBA at the University of Colorado. Lynn visited her brother in Lynchburg, Va., last summer and saw high school friends.

**Helen Row Mullins** of Jolo, W.Va., sings in the Southwest Virginia Community College Choir and travels, especially to see her three grandsons, ages 13, 6, and 4. Their mother, daughter Julie, has a cake business in Fredericksburg. Daughter Karen is a graphic artist at VCU. **Pamela Veague Krauss** retired from social work; husband Ken is an adult cardiologist at New York University Medical Center. Daughter Ashley, 26, studies art history at Barnard College. Son Alex, 22, studies photography at State University of New York.

**Anne Sommervold LeDoux** is retired and travels – to

honor of the beloved art history professor, Pauline Grace King. UMW Gift Officer Jan Clarke is helping send letters to art history grads and publicize the scholarship. They hope you'd like to help or contribute. **Mary Anne Burns** was instrumental in the success of our 40th reunion and has enjoyed reconnecting with classmates. She works at the Library of Congress, a big change from the oil world. Mary Anne set up a Facebook page for our class. For security, it's a closed site, so ask to join.

**Natalee Spiro Franzysen's** husband, Henry, retired after 32

**Freda Lodge '71** retired after 24 years with the Department of Defense in the D.C. area. She misses the defense mission and colleagues but not the traffic.

years with the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, joining Natalee in devoting more time to family and church. It was great to reconnect with Natalee last fall. **Freda Lodge** retired after 24 years with the Department of Defense. She lives in Sarasota, Fla., near her father, daughter, and son-in-law. She misses the defense mission and colleagues but not the D.C. traffic. She had lunch with classmates **Janet Dempster Crow** and **Linda Shoemaker Maxwell**. I hope to see Freda when she comes to York, Pa., this summer.

**Susan Brown Lohin** is a grandmother. Her daughter is to finish veterinary medicine studies in St. Kitts in the Caribbean in August, and her son is working on a start-up business. Susan was to celebrate her birthday with **Wendy Dickinson Smith** at a spa in western Massachusetts. She hears from **Pat Naybor** and **Diane Redfern Shelton**.

Rich and **Elaine "Cookie" Brennan Wright** and family left New Jersey for the Chesapeake Bay five years ago. Between boating and dogs, Elaine does environmental consulting here and in Central and Eastern Europe. After earning a bachelor's degree in biomedical engineering

and a master's degree in systems engineering from U.Va., daughter Elisabeth is set to finish the executive MBA program next year. Daughter Katie has a bachelor's degree in Spanish from Wake Forest and was to join the MBA class of 2014 in August. Still with QVC, **Diana Rupert Livingston** hosted fellow UMW Foundation Board members, including **Jeane Baughan Stone '74** and **Lisa Bratton Soltis '79**, for a March retreat at her Florida home.

Jim and **Mary Mann** have six grandchildren. She's a lector at St. Mary's in Fredericksburg and continues in the Fredericksburg Patriots Tea Party affiliate. Son Zephyr is learning to program animation and movie special effects at the Savannah College

of Art and Design. Older son Geoff, a Blackhawk helicopter instructor, returned after a tour in Iraq. Mary said **Helen Marocchi Iwanik**, usually seen taking pictures in North Carolina's Outer Banks, spent a few winter months in Florida.

**Pat Brown Reedy** lost family members, including her mother, in 2010 and 2011. Daughter **Melissa Dawn Reedy '02**, an accountant, finished *Cattle Rustlers*, her second book in the *A Westward Adventure* series, with a third coming. **Robin Michelle Donovan '01**, an elementary school teacher, began the *Tales from the North Pole* series; the first book is *Christmas Rescue*. **Bryn Irving Roth** of Fredericksburg continues her church literacy program for women refugees from Africa, volunteers in an ICU waiting room, and is active in a quilting ministry. She and her husband enjoy children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and planned a cruise to Iceland and Norway.

On a sad note, I learned that **Tina Rolen** passed away at 60 from an aggressive lung cancer in December 2009. **Lisa Barker** did some research and learned

that Tina's full name was Cornelia Christina and she was director of Hollins Career Center. She was a wonderful person and will be missed by her Mary Washington friends.

1972

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Things have been jumping at the law firm, and Easter singing jobs were coming, so I still use my music major. Dennis continues to research and write.

We visited Charleston, S.C., and Savannah, Ga., for Thanksgiving and enjoyed the weather and Southern hospitality. We visited with Dave and **Cheryl Prietz Childress**, who planned to travel to England and Italy in May. Daughter Thea and her husband moved to St. Louis.

**Sherrie Mitchell Boone** continues with piano tuning,

**Bettiann Aylor '74** has worked 38 years with Hanover County Schools and is senior teacher at Hanover High School. She has steered several students toward UMW, and they seem to love it.

art, and genealogy. John is in accounting at Hotel Roanoke. Daughter Leighanne and husband live nearby, and Sherrie enjoys her two grandchildren. Son Trey teaches and is pursuing a Ph.D. in philosophy at the University of Pittsburgh.

It is with deep sadness that I report the passing of Adm. Albert Heckman, the father of **Norah Heckman '73**, my dear friend and roommate. Anyone who lived on Russell Third South and was fortunate enough to meet Adm. Heckman knows what a fine gentleman he was. Norah's folks treated me as a second daughter, so it was like losing my own father all over again. Norah and her mother are hanging in there. We often talk and say what a fine thing Mary Washington friendships are.

**Marty Abbott** and I think you'll like the activities planned for our class reunion. Here's hoping we see many of you there!

1973

**Joyce Molina**  
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1974

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During the past few years, **Bridget Binko** graduated from nursing school, passed the R.N. exam, and struggled to find a job. She decided to spend three months in the South Pacific on the Navy ship *USS Cleveland* as a civilian volunteer R.N. with a Project HOPE humanitarian civic mission, working in existing hospitals and setting up tent clinics. Bridget

shared a small room onboard with as many as 11 women; she told them she hadn't had so much fun with the girls since Mary Washington. Back home, Bridget has her dream job as an infusion nurse at an oncology clinic. She enjoys sailing, orchids, and wild mushrooming.

**Bettiann Aylor**, senior teacher at Hanover High School, has steered several students toward UMW, and they seem to love it. She and several co-workers went to Spain and Portugal last summer, and visited the Rock of Gibraltar on a day clear enough to see all the way to Africa. They plan a trip to England and France in 2013.

We're two years away from our 40th reunion, so start making plans to attend.

1975

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# Through Hike Helps Kids Heal

The mountains are where **Andrew Eaton '07** can always go to test his own limits with a long hike or a difficult climb. Last summer, it's where he met up with some kids facing far tougher challenges.

Eaton was a counselor at a camp for children who had suffered serious burn injuries and were trying to recover from their physical and emotional wounds. One 11-year-old boy, he said, was at the Estes Park, Colo., camp just a few months after suffering severe burns. He went backpacking with Eaton and other campers. "We had to have a nurse on the trip who changed his bandages every night," he said. "But he was the happiest kid, so happy to be hanging out with the older guys. It really affected me."

Now Eaton, 27, is trying to raise money to help burn camp programs. He's in the middle of a 2,180-mile hike of the Appalachian Trail and has a goal of raising \$10 per mile. He's working with Peaks for Peace, a group formed last summer by two of Eaton's fellow camp counselors who also were profoundly moved by their experiences with the children. Through its website, blogs, and social media, this year Peaks for Peace is helping mountaineers, climbers, snowboarders, and skiers raise money for the Children's Hospital Burn Camps Program.

On the trail just a few miles south of the Delaware Gap in mid-May, Eaton described via cell phone his hike so far. He started in late February in Georgia and averaged 25 miles a day as he hiked north to near Waynesboro, Va. Then he got sick and had to leave the trail for a few weeks, but he returned in late April. He left the trail again at the end of May to spend the summer as a counselor at the camp in Colorado, then he planned to complete his hike north toward Mount Katahdin, where the trail ends in Maine.

Eaton grew up in Chesapeake, Va. His sister, teacher Kelly Eaton, and her third-grade class in nearby Williamsburg are following his journey and sending questions, some of which he answered in an early blog video.



Andrew Eaton overlooks the Appalachian Trail.



In March, the AT hiker stopped in Southwest Virginia.

"Does it ever rain on you?"

*Yes, it rains on me whenever it rains.*

"Do you hunt animals for food?"

*No, the most hunting I do is trying to find the post office to get the food my mom and dad sent me.*

The video and Eaton's blog are at [PeaksforPeace.com](http://PeaksforPeace.com).

Some of Eaton's favorite memories of UMW include playing for the Ultimate Frisbee team and practicing on Ball Circle. During his years studying political science, the team moved up in competitive play to face bigger schools, such as the University of Virginia and James Madison University. Eaton was team captain his senior year.

"That was a big part of what I did there."

— Robert Burke

1976

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1977

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**Rob Hall** and I still live in Southwest Virginia, where Rob has made great strides as Saltville's police chief. I teach yoga, including chair yoga for seniors and those recovering from surgery or illness. It's rewarding to reacquaint so many with their body's ability to move and breathe.

**Jackie Alby Gardner** works for the growing nonprofit Vitiligo Support International and hopes to garner enough funding to hire a director, so she can step back into a part-time position. She's looking for volunteer support and help with Facebook, Twitter, data entry, or marketing. Husband **Jud Gardner '80** had another tough but successful year in insurance and still plays golf. Older daughter Lauren teaches kindergarten in Charlotte, N.C.; Bryn is marketing manager for an events venue in Nashville, Tenn., and son Morgan graduated from the University of Alabama and plans to pursue a master's in accounting toward becoming a CPA.

John and **Marjorie "Susie" Jordan Lavender**, manager of the cancer cytology unit at the North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health, have been married 21 years. Susie is still a Girl Scout leader and probably will remain one after Katie, a recent high school graduate, leaves the troop. Katie plans to study elementary education and music at Wingate University near Charlotte. Gary and **Laurie Fisher Calloway** have been married for 30 years, and Laurie has taught music at Fredericksburg Academy for 18 years. Daughter Beth is part of a prostate cancer research team for Duke University Health Systems. Son Adam, a 2011 graduate of the Naval Academy, is stationed at Quantico, Va. Son Neil continues communications studies at Virginia Wesleyan College. Laurie

and **Kim Barlow Hoffman '78** are part of a knitting group started by **Vanessa Vance Moncure '78**, who provides the knitters gourmet food. Laurie and I have been playing online Scrabble.

**Laurie Fisher Calloway '77 and Kim Barlow Hoffman '78 are part of a knitting group started last year by Vanessa Vance Moncure '78.**

Tommy and **Janet Ogden Thompson** of Mechanicsville, Va., took their 24th Caribbean trip. Janet is retired and volunteers at Memorial Regional Medical Center and at her church gym. She trained her miniature dachshund as a therapy dog, and they work at Sheltering Arms Physical Rehabilitation Center. Tommy is owner/manager of Mechanicsville Drug Store and has other businesses. Daughter Kate, 25, has a criminal justice degree and was accepted to the VCU School of Pharmacy. Mary Catherine has a UMW chemistry degree and studies culinary and pastry arts.

Steve and **Kathy Diehl Hartman** took a Hawaiian cruise to celebrate getting all four children through college with no debt for anyone! Kathy is helping daughter **Amanda Hartman '05** plan her wedding. Kathy's friends, **Kathleen Baldwin Geary** and **Jody Nutter Amberly '76**, are helping their daughters plan weddings, too. **Mary Anne Ruiz Pace** is a therapeutic treatment counselor with the Empowering Families Program in Charlottesville. Son Nick works at electronics retailer Crutchfield. The twins graduated from American University and U.Va. Husband Mike, a U.Va. environmental science professor, teaches and does aquatic ecology research. Mary Anne said Elaine Wagner Jaber and banker and businessman husband Paul Jaber live in Rocky Mount, N.C. Daughter Katie is a teenager.

**Vicki Sprague Ravenel** married William Ravenel last November in Hilton Head, S.C.; **Terrie Martin Dort**, Craig

**"Skippy" Strickland Robinson, Pam Roberts Albrecht, and Jo McTague Townsend** were there. All planned to attend our 35th reunion. Vicki planned to work remotely in sales after she and

William moved to Charleston, S.C., in March. Her boys are in Nashville, Tenn., and Lexington, Ky. **Lynn Walton Lowe**

of Abingdon, Va., read in *UMW Magazine* that I'd moved to Saltville, Va., and she and husband Bill met Rob and me one evening to traipse down memory lane. Lynn is counselor and coordinator of the trustee workforce program at the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority's Abingdon facility; Bill retired as a lieutenant with the Bristol, Va., Police Department, where he was in charge of the crime division.

**Myra Fleenor Foreman '78**, an elementary reading intervention teacher in Frederick, Md., completed her reading specialist master's certification. She has been married 31 years to husband Steve, who works for the federal government. Son Brian works for a Washington, D.C., public relations firm. Daughter Martha is a senior at Towson University, majoring in chemistry with an emphasis on forensics.

Take care and send news anytime to the email above.

**1978**

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**1979**

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Condolences to **Judy Kemp Allard**, who lost her mother, Elizabeth Kemp, whom I remember from when I roomed with Judy in Russell and Framar. She was lively, and Judy was fortunate to have her live with them in recent years. I'll miss Mrs. Kemp's emails full of family news.

**Jane Daniels Ferguson** is a regional sales manager for individual business in the northern part of Virginia for Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Husband Tom is principal deputy under the Secretary of Defense for Intelligence. Son Jack is on track to receive a master's degree in public administration from West Virginia University in December. Alex is in the Air Force in Colorado Springs. Jane and Tom met Jane's Mary Washington roommate, **Susan Lawler** of Norfolk, Va., for drinks while she was in town. Susan retired from Bank of America and is volunteer coordinator for Lee's Friends: Helping People Live With Cancer. Last year the nonprofit provided thousands of rides to cancer patients going to medical appointments and trained volunteers to provide emotional support to patients and families.

John and **Carol Middlebrook** planned to travel to Charleston, S.C., in March for the house and garden tour, Ireland in May for a walking trip, and the Greek Isles in August for a cruise. Carol's Mary Washington roommate, **Lisa Jenkins**, planned to move from NYC back to Washington, D.C., to work with Standard & Poor's. **Gayle Petro** plans to retire in October as a teacher for Fairfax County Public Schools and works with the UMW Alumni Association Board. Gayle said **Nancy Quaintance Nelles'** daughter, Kelly, had a baby girl in February. Gayle, **Lisa Bratton Soltis**, **Sally Hart Morgan**, **Lisa Roberts Jett**, and **Donna Anaya** went to the annual horse races and tailgate party at James Madison's Montpelier in Orange, Va. They stayed at the Holladay House B&B.

**1980**

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**Joan Newcomb's** son, **JT Newcomb '09**, was to marry **Heather E. Dunn '08** in May.

**1981**

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**Cheryl Blades Kennedy** works at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colo., and travels a lot for work, including trips to Italy, Spain, France, and Germany. Husband Carl took early retirement for health reasons but was doing better after surgeries. Son Aaron and daughter Sabrina graduated from Metropolitan State College of Denver in May 2011. Cheryl and Carl have three grandchildren. **Kiki Connerton Smith '83** and husband Dixon, a Navy rear admiral and commander of Navy Region Southwest, moved back to San Diego from Hawaii. **Tara Corrigan '82** of Virginia Beach, who works for UBS, visited them in January.

**1982**

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**1983**

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Our oldest graduated from college and our youngest from high school in May, so Tom and I were preparing to be empty-nesters. Work takes us across the country, but we're often in Washington, D.C., where we're active in health industry organizations, co-chairing and serving on committees.

**Mary Ann Mayer's** nephew expected to be the father of twins. **Cathy Cooke** received a doctorate from the Virginia Consortium Program in Clinical Psychology and passed the licensing exam last fall. She was finishing post-doctoral work in pediatrics

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**Cathy Cooke '83** was finishing post-doctoral work in pediatrics. She was researching behavioral interventions for children on the autism spectrum with disruptive behavior problems.

at Eastern Virginia Medical School, researching behavioral interventions for children on the autism spectrum with disruptive behavior problems. Cathy visited **Becky Hobbs Shermer** and **Hope Chenault Martin** in Hockessin, Del. **Lisa Harris Coleman** is a NASA contractor. Daughter Kate, a high school junior, and sister Erin, an eighth-grader, ice skate, take music lessons, sing in the choir, and play volleyball.

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**1985**

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**Pat Reinhart** and husband Tom Liszewski have lived 13 years in Wayland, Mass. Her business, Reinhardt Lippincott & Co., helps companies in need of restructuring outside of bankruptcy. When they aren't at ice hockey, lacrosse, chorus, or ballet, Pat and Tom and children Adam and Sarah spend time on the vineyard and in their garden. **Susan Goyette** and Henry Caldwell, who has two teenage daughters, planned to visit in June and move from Alexandria, Va., to her hometown of Roanoke. She visited with **Susan Jurkiewicz Nelson**, husband Chris, and son Andrew during their February visit to Washington, D.C.

**Sidney Griffith Keith** of St. Augustine, Fla., is pursuing a master's degree in instruction and curriculum at the University of Florida. She's taught Earth and space science and American sign language in Jacksonville for six

years. Husband Mark serves the state of Florida by providing services to parents, school districts, and professionals involved in educating children with disabilities. Son Ian attends St. Johns River State College. Sidney's mother, **Jolene Moyer Griffith '57**, and

father moved from Luray, Va., to Florida and live just down the street.

**Susie Ferrett Stough** of Richmond is a speech-language pathology consultant with the preschool where she worked for 10 years. She plays guitar with a church group, quilts, and sews. Husband **Mike Stough '86** is general auditor and senior VP for Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. Daughter Laura attends Virginia Wesleyan College, Eagle Scout son Michael is a high school senior, and daughter Carolyn is a freshman.

**Laura Abenes**, who focuses on product liability litigation, and husband David Cagle, who focuses on estate planning and elder care law, practice law in Maryland. Daughter Isabelle, a sixth-grader at Friends School of Baltimore, visited Charlottesville last summer and saw U.Va., where her parents went to law school. Laura also wants her to visit UMW and David's alma mater, Amherst College.

My son, Chance, is an 18-year-old high school senior. If anyone wants to take over as class agent, let me know. I have a list of classmates' email addresses that makes the job easier.

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From Kim: For 16 years, Ken

and I have run a computer repair company. My father passed away in July 2011, which required two trips back to my hometown of Richmond. Despite circumstances, it was nice to be home, and I spent time with **Bev Newman '88**.

**Toni Moore Milbourne** switched jobs and is editor at the West Virginia *Shepherdstown Chronicle*. **Carol Harlow Anderson** was to earn a master's degree in special education from UMW this summer. A single mom with three pre-teen boys with disabilities, she's proud to have finished in three years. **Michelle Evans** graduated from George Mason University's accelerated BSN program in August 2011 and sent her youngest son to Virginia Tech the same month. After three years in Northern Virginia, she decided the traffic isn't for her and is relocating to North Carolina's Outer Banks.

**Kemetia Foley** was appointed to the advisory council for the 2012 Office\* tradeshow event and was to present an educational session at the Administrative Professionals Week program at Germanna Community College. **Jane Ellen Brennan Herrin** is with DAN Talent Group and was in season four of *Party Mamas* on

Despite being a single mom with three pre-teen boys with disabilities, **Carol Harlow Anderson '87** earned a UMW master's degree in special education in three years.

the Slice network. She was party planner for a military fundraiser and fashion show and is a stylist and publicist for people across the country, including authors, social media speakers, and country/rock band Scarletta's Nathan Stoops, who returned to *American Idol* for season 11.

Keep the updates coming, and remember I'm on Facebook under "Kim Jones Isaac."

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**1990**

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**1991**

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Hello, Class of '91. Hope everyone is well! I only heard from a couple people this time.

**George Asiello**, wife Beth, and daughter Rylee welcomed Holden John (John after George's dad) in May 2011. **Kathy Angerer Barton** moved from the Washington, D.C., area to Media, Pa., to be closer to family. She is accounting manager at Dunwoody Village retirement community.

Please keep the updates coming. It's always great to hear from you!

**1992**

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I know some of you are thrown off

by the lag time between *Class Notes* deadlines and the arrival of the magazine's corresponding editions. Look for deadline boxes in this section for publication and due dates.

As social chair on my neighborhood board of directors, I planned a community caroling event. Husband Tom and I hosted a holiday party in our home and celebrated Christmas with our family in Lexington, Va. We had New Year's Eve and Super

Bowl parties and organized a St. Patrick's Day neighborhood chili cook-off. We hike and camp with the Atlanta Outdoor Club and were excited for spring. We planned a trip to Florida and were looking forward to Reunion Weekend in June. I hadn't been

**Kathleen Reilly '92** works for Virginia Tourism Corp. and received the 2011 Journey Through Hallowed Ground Certified Tourism Ambassador Star Award.

on campus in about 15 years and was anxious to see the changes!

After 15 years of marriage, Greg and **Chere Hedges Trehey** of Arnold, Md., have children Joseph, 13, Aimee, 10, Matthew, 7, and Andrew, 4, whom they homeschool. Chere is an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant, plans to build a private practice, and volunteers with a breastfeeding support organization.

**Tevin Chaney** of Fredericksburg works in the GIS division of the City of Alexandria, Va. He accepted a yearlong project funded by the Republic of Kazakhstan's Ministry of Education and Science to create an interactive electronic atlas of the country. Tevin, who is in a relationship with **Mary Ann McDonald '91**, is on track to finish graduate school in November.

Jeff and **Linda Kelly Hadley** live in Apex, N.C., with children Anna, 9, and Will, 5. They juggled gymnastics, soccer, and baseball this spring. Linda has helped run charity events, and they planned to go to the beach this summer and to visit Disney for Christmas.

**Helen Thompson Mosher** considers herself a Mary Washington alumna though she ended up earning a degree from Temple University. She enjoys reading *Class Notes* and has been in touch with lots more alumni since her last update. She and

husband Dean welcomed son Jesse in 2009. Older son, Kieran Shaw, applied to UMW. Helen works at AFCEA International, where she won a recent APEX Grand Award for the *SIGNAL Magazine* website.

**Kathleen Reilly** works for Virginia Tourism Corp. and received the 2011 Journey Through Hallowed Ground Certified Tourism Ambassador Star Award. **Nick Miller '94** of San Antonio has worked for Choice Hotels International since 2001. He, wife Robin, and sons Noah and Wesley

are huge fans of the American Hockey League's San Antonio Rampage, so when they traveled to Canada in December they saw them play in Hamilton and Toronto.

Thanks to everyone who sent updates. We're connected in many digital ways, but this magazine's format is a wonderful way to stay in touch with Mary Washington and one another. I hope to have relived the good ole days and made new memories with many of you at our reunion in June by the time you read this!

**1993**

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**Matthew W. Lee**, an attorney in the McLean, Va., office of the national law firm Wilson Elser, was promoted to partner early this year. Matthew received his J.D. from Brooklyn Law School in 1996.

**1994**

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**1995**

**Jane Archer**  
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**1996**

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**Terry C. Frank**, an attorney in the Richmond law office of Kaufman and Canoles, was promoted to partner in January. Terry received her doctorate from the University of Richmond School of Law.

**1997**

**Michelle Trombetta**  
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**George Rohman** and Laura Parmelee married at a Christmas-themed wedding at the Adventure Aquarium outside Philadelphia along the Delaware River on a gorgeous 55-degree December day in 2011. They had recently bought a house on the New Jersey Shore. George's entire career has been in the water park industry, so friends and colleagues from parks across the country supported him, including those from Schlitterbahn, Splish Splash, Morey's Piers, and Disney. **Jennifer Repella** called it "the wedding of the century." She and Michael Gordon live in Ashburn, Va., with Jen's daughter, Alexa Gwen, 9. Jen is senior manager of global clinical development for Otsuka Pharmaceutical, managing first-in-human clinical trials.

**Paralegal Leigh Brockman '97**, who teaches ballet at Loyola University, planned to perform with the Komenka Ethnic Dance and Music Ensemble in France.

**Megan Burke Filipovic** returned to San Diego after graduation and lives in Del Mar with husband Dan, daughter Ava, 5, and son, Evan, 3. Her third child was due in May. After earning a master's degree in business management, Megan traveled the world, working for an international incentive planning

company. She loves keeping up with Mary Washington and classmates through updates in the alumni magazine.

**John Glymph** teaches U.S. history at Washington High School in Charles Town, W.Va., and was completing a master's degree in education at Fairmont University. He lives with his wife, Jennifer Oldakowski, and stepchildren Zoe, 10, and Caleb, 9. Paralegal **Leigh Brockman** planned to marry geographical engineer Jeremy Horowitz on a December Disney cruise and have a huge spring 2012 New Orleans bash to celebrate. Leigh teaches ballet at Loyola University and planned to perform with the Komenka Ethnic Dance and Music Ensemble in France in July.

Since being ordained in May 2010, Dominican friar **Patrick Daniel Tobin O.P.** has been assigned to Columbia, Mo. Proving that no skill is wasted in ministry, he has been a prank consultant for college students, informal chemistry tutor in the parish student lounge, chaplain to the local Hispanic community, parish IT manager, DJ for dances, facilities manager, and purveyor of chocolate to damsels in distress. He recently sought a whole hog for a traditional Hawaiian pig roast and luau and was looking for a new job teaching chemistry.

**Kathleen Gillikin MacCubbin** is a librarian at Baltimore County Public Library's Rosedale branch, home of Storyville interactive learning center for children from birth to age 5. Husband Patrick has a degree in computer-aided design and drafting and works for a civil engineering company. They

live with son John, 4, in Patrick's grandparents' mid-century row home and work to update it. **Jenn Sydnor Fessler** trains horses and teaches riding at her family's farm in the Blue Ridge Mountains near Lynchburg, Va. She and husband Adam have daughter Lily Robin, 2. **Jackie Curry Todaro** and husband Jim of Windham, N.Y.,





have skiing-superstar daughter Courtney and son Jay.

**Jorin Botte**, wife Karolien, and son Griffin, 4, are back in sunny Fort Collins, Colo., after five years in Belgium. The couple works at the Natural Resource Ecology Laboratory at Colorado State University. Griffin's sibling was due in August. **Robin Birnbaum Allen** lives with husband Tim, their cat, horses, and dogs in Tucson, Ariz. Robin, a civil engineer for Tucson Water, is project manager for design and construction of water facilities

3, and my sweet dog is 7. Where does the time go? Keep me posted about what you're up to.

**Kristin Ruhl Bergstrom** and family relocated from Jupiter, Fla., in November 2011 to Highlands Ranch in the Denver area, where snow has kept the kids busy. **Meredith Wilcox Thomas** and husband Ryan bought a house that needed some TLC in her hometown of Duxbury, Mass., last July, and they're finally feeling settled. They have sons Noah, born in December, and Evan, 3½.

**Michelle Dickens-Brown** and husband John of Ashland, Ky., had their first son, Altair Phoenix, in December 2011. **Nate Pipke** and **Kate**

**McGinn Pipke '01** of Alexandria, Va., teach and welcomed their first baby, a son, Garrett, in November. **Steve Charnoff** works for a Tysons Corner law firm. He and **Katie Charnoff '00** live in Vienna, Va., with their toddler.

**Emre Izat** of Amsterdam produces documentaries for Off the Fence. Five of his latest – National Geographic Channel's *Lego*, *Heineken*, *Guinness*, and *Speed Rail* episodes of *Megafactories* and TLC's *Obese & Expecting* – should be in TV rotation. **Alex Panek** and wife Michelle welcomed their first daughter, Audrey Elizabeth, in November. He is engagement manager for Blackbaud, a software company specializing in products for nonprofits.

**Brian Straight** finished his diplomatic assignment in Bogota, Colombia, in 2010 and transferred to his current assignment in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, where he'll be until April 2013, when he transfers to Sao Paulo, Brazil, for two years. He backpacked around South America and southern Mexico. **Abby Cordell Casey** married Brett in January 2011,

and they expected their first baby, a son, in February. She has been a music, chorus, and drama teacher in Watertown, Mass., for seven years. **Ryan Anderson** of Maui, Hawaii, teaches math, science, and music at the alternative, progressive Haleakala Waldorf School. He's married with two children and frequents the ocean. Ryan returns often to Fredericksburg to teach local youth marimba band Marenje Marimba.

## 2000

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## 2001

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I started a new job as client development director at Investec Wealth Management, still live in London, and look forward to Jubilee and Olympic celebrations this summer.

**Kate McGinn Pipke** and **Nate Pipke '99** welcomed first child Garrett Michael in November.

**Jessica Landers Hopkins**, director of a national non-profit education organization, returned home to Maryland from Boston, and her daughter turned 1. **Steve Hinchliffe** of Tucson, Ariz., spent a year in Hawaii and was to receive his MBA in May.

**Sherri Trudeau Martin**

**Missionary Trixy Franke '01** is a physician at the Seventh-day Adventist Health Centre in Cameroon, Africa.

teaches at a Denver area charter school. Son Andrew was to graduate from Overland High School. **Nicole McIntyre** moved to China to teach fifth grade at Shanghai Community International School. **Rebecca Hirschman** and Dennis Ti (Johns Hopkins '02) bought a house in Raleigh, N.C., and were married in Raleigh in November 2011. **Virginia "Ginny" Evans Beimdick** and **Melissa Kittrell Micare** attended.

**Kelly Hahn** was promoted to senior associate with Censeo Consulting Group. She was to be married in April in Washington, D.C., and move to Mexico City. **Lauren Oviatt Brennan** and her husband welcomed second child Keaton Carter in April. Lauren finished her Rhode Island School of Design photography program, and the family moved from Providence to Northern Virginia. **Seth Kennard**, in his third year as an elementary school principal with Alexandria City Public Schools, and wife Kathleen welcomed second child Ella Kate in November.

**Teresa Joerger Mannix** and husband Mark welcomed first child Bryce David in January. **Melissa Wilson** is an interpretive park ranger with Adams National Historical Park in Quincy, Mass., and an educator for the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston. She was working on her doctoral dissertation on museum education at Capella University. **Kelly Turcic Bailey** is director of alumni engagement at Slippery Rock University.

**Jennifer Stringfellow** **Bing** and **Stephen** married in September and live in Dumfries, Va. Jennifer works at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum. **Anthony Foster** completed his Ph.D. in molecular and cell biology at Uniformed Services University of the

Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md., and began a postdoctoral fellowship at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda. He moved to Sterling, Va., and planned to be

married in May.

**Allyson Bristor** is a City of Bozeman (Montana) neighborhood coordinator and was engaged to marry Christopher Brekke of Duluth, Minn., in July. **Laura Reigle Campling** and husband Bob have children Benjamin John, born in January, and Grace, 3. **Jennie von Drehle** of Chicago works in DePaul University's international programs office. She and husband

The latest documentary films by producer **Emre Izat '99** include National Geographic Channel's *Lego*, *Heineken*, *Guinness*, and *Speed Rail* episodes of *Megafactories* and TLC's *Obese & Expecting*.

within the City of Tucson and Pima County. **Mai Trinh Joubert**, mother to Jacobus Petrus, 1, Estelle, 2, and Anais, 6, lives in Old Town Alexandria and does corporate wellness seminars through her company, Mai Health Now. **Debbie Henderson** has been an accounting manager at Hilldrup Companies in Stafford, Va., since graduating from Mary Washington. She lives with boyfriend Mike Brosnan and daughter Ashley Mackenzie, born in March.

This issue marks my 15th year writing our class notes. It continues to be an honor to have you share your news with me. Here's to another 15 years of Class of 1997 notes!

## 1998

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## 1999

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I've taught fourth grade in Atlanta for five years. My godson is 1, my goddaughter is 6, my niece is

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Ryan welcomed first daughter Zoe Grace in January.

**Virginia Bartlett** earned a doctorate in religion and ethics at Vanderbilt University and moved from Nashville, Tenn., to California with husband Shane and daughter Sophia. She is assistant director of the Center for Healthcare Ethics at Cedars-Sinai

After completing a doctorate in molecular and cell biology, **Anthony Foster '01** began a postdoctoral fellowship at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Md.

Medical Center in Los Angeles. Missionary **Trixy Franke** is a physician at the Seventh-day Adventist Health Centre in Cameroon, Africa. She married William Colwell Jr.

**Matt Cliszis**, a Chartis Insurance regional underwriting manager, and **Pam Kirby-Cliszis**, a Spike TV producer, live in Brooklyn, N.Y. They welcomed Alexa Jane in March 2011. **Matt Wright**, married in August in Warrenton, Va., is a special education teacher in Fairfax County, writes for websites and magazines, and started a website with **Nene Wallace Reed '02**. **Jacquie Frank** and Rory Caswell bought a home in Toms River, N.J., planned an April wedding, and looked forward to seeing **Alevia Colwell Colombell**, **Kelli Brittain Reinhardt**, and **Danielle Matuch**.

**Zac Sargent** and **Aimee Sargent** welcomed first child Oliver William in April. **Jen Amore** of Washington, D.C., is a policy analyst in the U.S. Department of Labor's wage and hour division and teaches power flow yoga. **Sarah Smith Komssi** and **Mike Komssi '00** welcomed their second (and last!) set of twins, Miles Henry and Calvin Robert, in September 2010.

Thanks to everyone who contributed. Email updates to me or submit them via the "MWC Class of 2001" Facebook page.

## 2002

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**Andrew Mertz** spent New Year's Eve at his new Manassas, Va., house with best friends **Kevin Libby**, **Tricia Pavlik**, and **Mike Panlilio '03**. Andrew was finishing his master of divinity degree at Chicago's Meadville Lombard Theological School. He started a certificate program in youth and theology at Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey that complements his denominational para-church youth ministry. **Carolyn Murray Spencer**, a technical writer, and **Jamie Spencer**, an art director, of Wilmington, Del., welcomed daughter Caelie in December.

## 2003

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**Eric Frere** and **Erin Donegan Frere** welcomed first child Charlotte in October 2011.

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The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services awarded certification to **Ryan Lacey**, who graduated in the top 10 of his Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy class. He interned with the Bureau of Diplomatic Security at the U.S. Department of State and accepted a position in administration of justice in the Washington, D.C., area. **Kathleen Rogers Cavender** married Michael Cavender of Stafford, Va., in November 2011.

## 2009

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**Mikaela Jordan** moved home to West Warwick, R.I., then got a job in the underwriting trainee program, specializing in life sciences, at Chubb Group of Insurance Companies in Phoenix. She hopes to obtain her CPCU designation. **Matt Longo** worked in electrical supply for Raytheon Polar Services Company in McMurdo Station, Antarctica. **Elizabeth "Kati" Bergman** planned to complete a graduate degree online through Clarion University and works in circulation and youth services at the Central Rappahannock Regional Library.

**Broderick "Brodie" Collins** and **Michael "Chase" Morgan** took a nine-week road trip through the U.S. and parts of Canada. Upon return, Brodie got a job in customer service at McLean Animal Hospital. **Nicki J. Shupp** was promoted to enterprise risk management specialist for Mary Washington Healthcare. **Christy Tyrrell** is pursuing a master's degree in media psychology and social change at Fielding Graduate University.

**Erika Spivey** turned her internship with the UMW Office of University Events and Conferencing into an administrative assistant position. She's the new communications chair for the Alumni Association Fredericksburg Network. **Katherine Beegle** joined the Army and is to be a National Guard information systems specialist, stationed in Fairfax County, Va. She and husband Matthew Shaver live in Fredericksburg.

**Monica Band** is pursuing a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling with a concentration in autism spectrum disorders at George Washington University. She received the Rehabilitation Services Administration hybrid scholarship, which mixes





on-campus and online courses. She also is a counselor for adults with severe mental illness for an Arlington, Va., nonprofit. She plans to get her license in Virginia and apply to doctoral programs in clinical and/or counseling psychology.

**Broderick "Brodie" Collins '11 and Michael "Chase" Morgan '11** took a nine-week road trip through the U.S. and Canada.

**Rosana Marzullo-Dove** is in the doctorate in clinical psychology program at Argosy University in Washington, D.C. She was to take a spring study abroad class in Barcelona, Spain, and start her first-year practicum in a residential facility for people with gambling addiction in Hanover, Va., in the fall. She's a family educator with the Spotsylvania Department of Social Services and volunteers at the Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence. Her husband and two daughters are her biggest supporters.

## IN MEMORIAM

Charlotte Elizabeth Scott Myers '36  
N. Marshall Schools '36  
Audrey Alrich Silver '36  
Sara Elizabeth "Liz" Clark '37  
Virginia Richardson Parker '38  
Stella Miles Hood '39  
Marjorie Horner Webber '39  
Fern Carson Greear '40  
Margaret Richards Knight '41  
Betty Johnson Studebaker '41  
Anne Hargroves Parker White '41  
Eleanor Sommers Hartless '42  
Elsie Davis Todd '42  
Johanna Theresa Crittenden Greer '43  
Betty Rogers Zylewitz '43  
Eileen T. Landers Chase '44  
Priscilla Moyer Wilson Ashton '45

Josephine Bruno Edmundson '45  
Harriet Hall Johnson Waymack '45  
Jane Howard Patrick '46  
Gloria Brown Schoonmaker '46  
Elizabeth Stallings Sharpe '46

Florence  
Marie Mason  
Conrad '47

Auralea Cox  
Curtis '47

Helen Dawn  
Singleton  
Darfus '48

Frances McGlothlin Borkey '49  
Elizabeth Louise "Betty Lou" Fitzgerald Braden '51  
Laura Costarelli Williams '51  
Bernard T. Burchell '55  
Harold Franklin Carder '55  
Sari Glasser Erlanger '55  
Mary Gale "M.G." Buchanan '56  
Marilyn Platt Goodlett '56  
Judith Emery Smith Hermanson '56  
Margaret Elinor Perry Conboy Sutphin '57  
Elizabeth "Beth" Shuler Wampler '57  
Betty Jo Galliher Fletcher '58  
Mary Eugenia McCardell Furr '58  
Dale Harris Leahy '59  
Patricia Gray Proulx '59 Deborah Mallett Cressall '60  
Sharane Ellen McManus Dukatz '60  
Virginia R. Cusick Hanlon '61  
Raylene A. DeVine '62  
Mildred Christine "Chris" Wanamaker Darkey '63  
Claire Beery Austin '65  
Judith Lee Holcomb Revell '65  
Anne E. Rudloe '69  
Kathryn Marie Scanlon '76  
Cheryl J. Andrejewski Elam '81  
Charles A. Stone '81  
Robert Earls Cahill '83  
Samuel C. Mitchell '85

James William Pullen '87  
Larry Walter Szczur '92  
Nelly Elizabeth Thompson '02  
Daniel P. Bouchard '05

## CONDOLENCES

Phyllis Quimby Anderson '44, who lost her husband  
Christine Doumas Conlin '50, who lost her husband  
Georgene Kirkendall Harrison '50, who lost her sister  
Mildred Jones Bonner '52, who lost her husband  
Susan Hutcheson Jurgens '52, who lost her husband  
Laura Milster Orville '55, who lost her husband  
Jan Rutan Wright '60, who lost her husband  
Barbara Ashley Firesheets '61, who lost her mother  
Barbara "Bobbie" Brookes Nation '61, who lost her mother  
Georgene Branch Burton '62, who lost her husband  
Pam Brookes Weiseman '63, who lost her mother  
Ryan Stewart Davis '66, who lost her father  
Mary Karen Vellines '70, who lost her mother and her husband  
Norah M. Heckman '73, who lost her father  
Jennifer Carder Hightower '77, who lost her father  
Joan Castner Niederlehner '77, who lost her mother  
Jennifer Miller Strobel '77, who lost her husband  
Judy Kemp Allard '79, who lost her mother  
Darcy Driscoll '82, who lost her mother  
Matthew J. Kelly '82, who lost his father  
Daniel P. Kelly '83, who lost his father  
Estalena Deringer Corey Thomas '83, who lost her father  
Jan Deese Bryant '85, who lost her father  
James Walter Jewett '85, who lost his father  
Lori J. Brubaker '86, who lost her father  
Shayne Estes '86, who lost his son  
Alison Calcaterra Heintz '87, who lost her father  
Kim Jones Isaac '87, who lost her father  
Luci DeShazo Clark '88, who lost her father  
Carole Rice Troia '90, who lost her father  
Sara Showalter Ablard '92, who lost her daughter  
Diane B. Davison '98, who lost her mother  
Sandra Tennyson '98, who lost her father  
Nathan Strobel '09, who lost his father  
Ashley E. Jacoby '10, who lost her father  
Kyle A. Nero '13, who lost his mother

## IN MEMORIAM

### Nikola Nikolic Professor Emeritus of Physics

*Nikola "Nick" Nikolic, professor emeritus of physics, passed away June 14. He is survived by his wife, Jean, and his adult children, Carolina and Nikola.*

*What follows is excerpted from a eulogy offered by Nikolic's longtime colleague and friend Bulent Atalay, UMW professor emeritus of physics.*



When Nick Nikolic passed away, he was 84, and he had spent exactly half his life in Fredericksburg, 33 of those [from 1969 to 2002] as a professor of physics at Mary Washington.

He was a brilliant physicist, and his undergraduate academic record at the University of Belgrade has never been surpassed.

Physicist Charlie Townes, who

later received a Nobel Prize in physics for the invention of the laser, invited Nick to Columbia University to pursue a doctorate in physics, and he accepted.

A native of Belgrade, Nick never returned to the country of his birth.

*The former Yugoslavia's loss would be America's gain.*

Among physicists, Nick saw Newton as the king. He was not impressed by Einstein, although he knew Einstein's general theory of relativity better than any other experimentalist I've

met. But perhaps beyond any scientist of the 20th century, he admired Paul Dirac, who gave us quantum mechanics as we know it.

The most colorful and most unforgettable character in my 43 years at Mary Washington, Nick was also the most intellectually honest – and certainly the most quotable. At his retirement party in 2002, "Nickisms" – compiled with religious fervor by his students over the years – were read out loud. Nick had seen them all as truisms, as throwaway lines. His children simply observed, "He had no filter!"

In a sense, Nick was the ultimate lovable curmudgeon, able to knock conventional icons but surprisingly embracing more subtle ones. He could discuss art, music, philosophy, politics, and, of course, mathematics and physics. He loved classical music; he loved Beethoven, but he hated modern classical music. He loved modern art. That was good, as his wife, Jean, was a pop artist trained at Columbia University, where the two met.

A newspaper reporter called while writing Nick's obituary and asked for examples of "Nickisms." I claimed that I could not remember any. The truth was that I could not remember any politically correct, printable "Nickism."

Later, a former physics student, **Michelle Lesko '92**, reminded me of a favorite: "Surely the violins play softly in the background..."

To which she added, "...as he strolled into heaven."

*The world's loss will be heaven's gain.*

### Cheryl Hawkinson-Melkun Assistant Professor of Communications



Cheryl Hawkinson-Melkun, assistant professor of communications in the University of Mary Washington College of Business, passed away unexpectedly June 19. She was 56.

A highlight of her 16-year UMW tenure was the founding of the Stafford Campus Writing Center.

She was the center's

first director, beginning in the fall of 2004. Regarded as a demanding yet patient professor, Hawkinson-Melkun used her knowledge and influence to help the many students who

passed through the center and her classrooms become better communicators.

Hawkinson-Melkun recognized the difference in the needs of traditional and nontraditional students. She was known for her ability to bring out the best in her students and for her determination to help them succeed.

Hawkinson-Melkun was lauded as a generous and supportive supervisor who empowered her staff members to grow and excel professionally.

She is survived by her family: Keith, Charlotte, Jared, and Hannah Melkun; parents Elden and Elaine; and brother Kent.

Born in West Hills, Calif., Hawkinson-Melkun received a bachelor's degree in English from California State University, Northridge, and a master's degree, also in English, from the University of Maryland, College Park, where she later returned to pursue a doctorate, which she completed in 2010.





# CLOSING COLUMN

*Historian Neil Howe has spoken and written extensively on the collective personalities of today's generations. With co-author William Strauss, Howe coined the term "Millennial Generation" and wrote the best-selling *Generations*, *13th Gen*, *The Fourth Turning*, and *Millennials Rising*. Howe's articles have appeared in such national publications as *The Atlantic*, *The Washington Post*, and *The New York Times*. What follows are excerpts from his address to UMW graduates at the May 12 Commencement Ceremony.*

Norm Shafer



A generation is a group of people who share a basic outlook on life shaped by their common age location in history, their common "generational setting."

Youth, on the other hand, is just an age bracket. It's like an empty hotel room that different generations move into – with their own baggage – and then soon leave. Sometimes that room swells with sweet music, sometimes it throbs with death metal, sometimes it's utterly silent. But it's never the same.

Bottom line: All of you Boomer and Generation X parents are essentially unlike your children – and were not the same even when you were kids. And you Millennial Generation graduates are essentially unlike your parents – and will not become like them as you grow older.

Consider.

You Millennials grew up in an era of rising parental protection – never having known a time without bicycle helmets, electric plug covers, Amber Alerts, and 15 different ways to be buckled into your minivan seat. We, the parents, grew up in an era of declining parental protection.

You Millennials were raised to be special and trust your counselors, support groups, and smart drugs to keep you feeling pretty good about the world. We, the parents, knew we weren't very special, didn't trust anyone to advise us, and thought staying away from counselors was a sign of toughness. When you came to college, there were long orientations and immersions – many of your parents clutched teddy bears and wept. When we came to college, we jumped out of the car and tried to grab our suitcases before our parents sped off.

You Millennials were raised to be team players, which you are, with community service, group projects in the classroom, and clubs for everything. And, above all, with digital technology that connects you all to each other on Facebook and the smart phones that you go to bed with. We, the parents, were a lot more into competition, rebellion, and defying the mainstream. Growing up, our biggest fear was that Big Brother might someday install cameras in our rooms. And now our biggest surprise is to see our own kids connect with each other by installing their own cameras in their own rooms!

You Millennials have a surprisingly conventional outlook on life. Surveys show that as you grow older you wish to become good citizens, good neighbors, well-rounded people who start families.

People ask, "What does it mean that one generation is different from another – that Millennials, for example, are different from the Boomers or Gen-Xers who raised them? Does it mean that some generations are better than others?"

There is no such thing as a good or bad generation. Every generation is what it has to be given the environment it encounters. History shows that whatever collective personality that generation brings with it is usually what society needs at the time. As such, youth generations tend to correct for excesses of the midlife generations in power, and they tend to refill the social role being vacated by the elder generation that is disappearing.

The Millennial Generation is correcting for the excesses of Boomers and Gen-Xers who today run America. Excesses like leadership gridlock, refusal to compromise, rampant individualism, the tearing down of traditions, scorched-earth culture wars, and a pathological distrust of all institutions.

The Millennial Generation is also reprising many of the hallmarks of the original G.I. Generation, the "greatest generation," who are passing away. Like the Millennials, the G.I.s grew up as protected children and quickly turned into optimistic, consensus-minded team players who saved our nation in the dark days of the 1930s and '40s.

So parents out there, be proud of this new generation. They aren't like you, but they are what America now needs. They don't complain about the dark storm clouds looming over their fiscal, economic, and geopolitical future; they try to stay positive. They don't want to bring the system down; they're doing what they can to make it work again. They worry about you a lot, and they want to come together and build something big and lasting, something that will win your praise. Beneath their tolerant, optimistic, networking, and risk-averse exterior lie attitudes and habits that may prove vital for our country's healing and for our country's future.

No one knows what challenges this Millennial Generation may eventually be asked to bear, and hardly anyone expects them to become America's next "greatest generation." But someday you can say you heard it from me: That is their destiny, to rescue this country from the mess to which we, the older generations, have contributed – perhaps a bit more than we ever intended – to become a great generation. 🏛️



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## Reflection

It's the moments that add up to a Mary Washington education: time to think on a Campus Walk bench, hours spent with the people who get you, missing home, heading home and missing school, the professor who thinks her class is your only one, that same professor who is always available to help, learning that you can do it, finding time for Frisbee and Facebook, exams, concepts so exciting you have to share them, turning in papers, tears, helping to change the world. As you look back, it all grows more precious.